for the cancellation of such license; prescribing the duties of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics for the State of Texas, with reference to the enforcement of this act; providing for recoveries on said bond; fixing penalties for the violation of this act; creating a special fund for the enforcement of this act and appropriating same for said purposes; repealing certain laws and all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:45 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

MORGAN of Liberty, Vice-Chairman.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

(Wednesday, February 21, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Abnev. Amsler. Arnold. Atkinson. Avis. Baker of Milam. Baldwin. Barker. Barrett. Beasley. Bell. Bird. Blount. Bobbitt. Bonham. Brady. Bryant. Burmeister. Cable. Carpenter of Dallas. 'Carpenter of Matagorda. Carson. Carter of Coke. Chitwood. Coffee. Covey. Cowen. Crawford. Culp. Davenport. Davis. DeBerry. Diel mann. Dinkle.

Dodd. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunlap. Dunn. Durham. Edwards. Fields. Finlay. Frnka. Fugler. Gipson. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Hardin of Kaufman. Harrington. Harris. Henderson of Marion. Henderson of McLennan. Hendricks. Houston. Howeth. Hughes. Irwin. Jacks. Jennings. Johnson. Jones. Kemble. Lackey. Laird. Lamb.

Lane. Robinson. LeMaster. Rogers. Rountree. LeStourgeon. Rowland. Lewis. Russell of Trinity. Loftin. Looney. Sackett. McBride. Sanford. McDaniel. Satterwhite. McDonald. Shearer. McFarlane. Shires. McKean. Simpson. McNatt. Smith. Martin. Sparkman. Mathes. Stell. Maxwell. Stewart Melson. of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Merriman. Merritt. Storev. Montgomery. Moore. Stroder. Morgan Sweet. of Liberty. Teer. Pate. Thompson. Patman. Thrasher. Patterson. Turner. Perdue. Vaughan. Pinkston. Wallace. Wells. Pool. Pope. Westbrook. Potter. Wessels. Williamson. Price. Wilmans. Purl. Quaid. Wilson. Quinn. Winfree. Rice. Young.

Absent.

Green.

Miller.

Stevens.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange. Carter of Hays. Collins. Faubion. Hull. Lusk. Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell.
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

A quorum was announced present. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Miller, for today, on motion of Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. Collins, for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Wessels,

Mr. Faubion, for yesterday evening and today, on motion of Mr. Fields.

Mr. Baker of Orange, for today, on motion of Mr. Wells.

Mr. Hull, for today, on motion of Mr.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of sick-

Mr. Morgan of Robertson, for today, on motion of Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Carter of Hays, for today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. McKean.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Durham, House bill No. 606 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Barrett, House bill No. 582 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, House bill No. 607 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunlap, House bills Nos. 588 and 589 were ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Gipson, House bill No. 595 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Rowland, House bill No. 610 was ordered not printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has reconsidered vote by which Senate bill No. 52, recalled from the Governor by Senate concurrent resolution No. 15, was finally passed, and amended same by unanimous vote of the Senate. The Senate has finally passed said bill by unanimous vote, and same is hereby presented to the House for consideration:

S. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the business of banking in this State when conducted by concerns operating under charters obtained in Texas prior to the adoption of the Constitution in 1876, and placing them under the provisions of Chapters 1 to 6, inclusive, Title 14, of Vernon Sayles' Revised Statutes of Texas; declaring that from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful thereafter for any person, association of persons, partnership or trustee, or trustees acting under any common law declaration of trust to organize or establish or begin the operation of any private banking institution or private banking business within this State, preserving the rights of those who at the time this act

years next preceding said date actively engaged in the banking business within this State; making it unlawful to advertise, use or put forth any sign as a bank, trust company, bank and trust company or savings bank, or to in any way solicit or receive business as such, or to use as their name or part of their name on any sign, advertising or letter head, or envelope, the word bank, banker. banking, banking company, trust, trust company, bank and trust company, savings bank, savings or any other term which may or might be confused with the name of a corporation organized under the general provisions of the banking laws of this State; making it unlawful to use any other than the name of the person, or one or more of the persons, or the member or one or more members of said association of persons, or partnerships, or the members of one or more of the members of any institution operating under a common law declaration of trust in the management, conduct or operation of same; providing, however, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any person, association of persons, partnerships, trustee or trustees acting under any common law declaration of trust who are, at the time this act becomes effective and have been for five years next preceding said date, actively engaged in the banking business within this State; making it unlawful to use or employ any part of the funds of the depositors in any such institution in any speculative adventure or enterprise owned or promoted by said bank or institution, or the person or persons owning same, or officers or managers thereof; requiring the filing with the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking. annually an affidavit showing solvency of such bank or institution, and the filing for record with the county clerk of the county in which the principal business of such institution is done of a. statement in writing under oath, giving the names of each and all parties or persons interested in said institution; making it unlawful to receive or assent to the reception of any deposits of money or other valuable thing, and making the failure of said bank or institution prima facie evidence of the insolvency of same at the time of the receipt of such deposit or deposits; making it unlawful to publish or advertise in any newspaper that said bank or institution owns, possesses or has a financial responsibility in excess of the real and true financial becomes effective, and have been for five responsibility of such person, association

of persons, partnership or institution, and defining the terms 'financial responsibility'; making it unlawful for a newspaper to publish any such statement as herein used; fixing penalties; declaring this act to be in addition to and supplementary to all the present banking laws of this State, and declaring an emergency."

And the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower The Beaumont and Great Northern Railroad to acquire, own, maintain and operate all that certain railroad heretofore owned and operated by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas, which railroad begins at a point in the town of Trinity, in Trinity county, Texas, and extends thence in an easterly direction through and across the counties or parts of the counties of Trinity, Polk and Tyler, to a point in the town of Colmesneil, in Tyler county, Texas; together with the appurtenant franchise and property; and likewise to authorize the purchaser or purchasers thereof at foreclosure sale and any railroad corporation organized by such purchaser or purchasers under the laws of the State of Texas for the purpose of acquiring said railroad and appurtenant property and franchises or any of them, and any other owner or owners thereof, to sell, grant, convey and deliver said railroad together with all properties and franchises pertaining thereto, to said The Beaumont and Great Northern Railroad; further to authorize The Beaumont and Great Northern Railroad to amend its charter so as to have the right hereunder to extend said railroad, and to authorize The Beaumont and Great Northern Railroad to issue, register, sell and deliver its stock and mortgage bonds, additional to such stock and mortgage bonds as it has issued in respect of properties previously owned by it, to purchase and pay for said railroad for an amount not exceeding the value of said railroad and properties so acquired as ascertained and fixed by the Railroad Commission of Texas by its order or finding, dated about June 2, 1922, such stock and such mortgage bonds to be issued, executed, registered, sold and delivered in accordance with the Railroad Stock and Bond Law of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit the manufacture of gasoline, carbon black or other products I

from natural gas produced within 25 miles of the boundary line of an adjoining State in which the manufacture of gasoline, carbon black or other products from natural gas is not prohibited by law; providing that neither the Railroad Commission or any officer or board acting under authority from the State of Texas shall have the power to interfere therewith, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

H. B. No. 241, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change and prescribe the time for holding district court in the Thirty-first Judicial District of this State; to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,

and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully, RICHARD BLALOCK, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

RELATING TO PROPOSED LEGISLA-TION.

Mr. Rogers offered the following resolution:

Whereas The House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas convened in the City of Austin on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1923; and

Whereas, It is the desire and purpose of the members composing the House of Representatives to represent their respective districts and all the people of the State of Texas to the best of their ability; and

Whereas, Our Governor has, recently, in many able addresses and messages, sought to impress those charged with the responsibility, how important it is: yea, that it is imperative that additional revenue be raised to the end that our free public school terms be extended, the standards raised and efficiency increased, and for the purpose of defraying the expenses of other and higher institutions of learning and taking care of the other departments of our State Government; and

Whereas, Many measures have been introduced in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth Legislature, now in session, having for their purpose the raising of further revenue, required to support and maintain the institutions and agencies of our State; and

Whereas, Other measures have been and are being introduced, which if passed, will increase the number of institutions and agencies of our State Government requiring support and maintenance; and

Whereas, As the population of our State has increased, the burdens and responsibilities of certain officials have increased and they are rendering service far beyond the compensation received by them, and for which they are not being paid; and

Whereas, The compensation of certain officials, representatives and agents of the State of Texas is shamefully inadequate; and

Whereas, Many departments should be abolished or combined and consolidated, and duplications removed; and

Whereas, Reorganizations and readjustment is necessary, and indispensable, if the burdens of government are to be justly and equitably adjusted and com-

pensation fixed fairly; and

Whereas, The expense of government, during recent years, has been increased until approximately sixteen per cent of the normal income of the people is required to pay the taxes levied by the different branches of our government, which burden is hindering agriculture, because the farmer is bending under the load heaped upon him, the manufacturer is not prospering and can not improve and extend his business, the transportation companies are loaded and hindered, so that they cannot improve and extend their properties, industry and enterprise is being paralyzed and stifled and the consumers of the products of the country are about consumed and used up; and

Whereas. The necessity for taxing the effort to take from all industry taxes is, because of existing conditions, the gathering of funds that will be inequitably distributed and dissipated; and

Whereas, By some sober, intelligent and judicious action and effort, such adjustments may be made as will render the State Government and its subdivisions less cumbersome and burdensome and more efficient; and

Whereas, It is the duty, the desire and the purpose of the members of this House to render the highest character of service and to, without further delay, do some real constructive work for the people of their respective districts and the State at large; and

Whereas, It was never more necessary and the time never more propitious, and the people never more anxious to see Affairs.

some resultful work done in their behalf and have almost despaired because

of their long waiting; therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, does now and hereby record itself as favoring such consolidations, adjustments, readjustments and plans as will remove and dispose of all unnecessary departments of the State Government, of county government and city governments and such as will remove and dispose of duplications of similar functions of government, State, county and city, and such as will dispose of all unnecessary employes in all departments and such as will retain only those necessary to the proper administration of public affairs and only those who will earn a reasonable compensation and to whom a reasonable and fair compensation for the service rendered can be paid; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives further goes on record as asserting that the salary and compensation paid to the Governor of Texas, the Attorney General, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and other high officials of the State who render the service and perform the duties required of them is so utterly inadequate as to seriously reflect on the efficiency and honesty of this distinguished body and the people of our State; and be it further

Resolved, That this body records the opinion that a sensible, fair, business adjustment would result in the ability of the State and all its subdivisions to pay adequate salaries and compensation to all necessary officers and employes, without increasing the burden of taxation and at the same time increase the efficiency of the public service; and

We do here and now pledge this House of Representatives and each member to dedicate our efforts collectively and individually to the accomplishment of the purposes herein specified, and declare that we will proceed with an honest and faithful effort to the extent of our ability, promptly pass such measures as will inure to the general good and in every possible way lessen the burdens and increase the prosperity and happiness of our long suffering, forbearing, generous constituency.

The resolution was read second time. On motion of Mr. Jones the resolution was referred to the Committee on State

RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 20, Relating to adjournment sine die.

Whereas, There is pending before the Legislature many bills proposing constructive legislation of far reaching importance to the people of Texas, and among which are revenue measures imposing taxes on the people to meet the increased expenses of the government; and

Whereas, Hasty action in the making of laws is inconsistent with the public welfare, and immature consideration of proposed legislation, due to lack of time, often results in defeat of meritorious measures and passage of other measures detrimental to public well being and prosperity, thereby in many instances entailing unnecessary financial burdens upon the people, and fostering a lack of confidence in the law-making body; and

Whereas, Should this session of the Legislature adjourn upon or near the expiration of sixty days from the date of its convening many bills will remain on the calendar of the House and Senate unconsidered and undisposed of; and

Whereas, It is desirable in the public interest to avoid that haste usually incident to the closing days of a session of the Legislature when many measures are disposed of without that careful consideration and deliberation which wisdom and patriotic fidelity to public duty demand in the making of laws; and

Whereas, Legislative committees are now engaged in making important investigations, and early sine die adjournment will render ineffectual the work of said committees in that the Legislature will be deprived of time in which to consider and take action on the reports which said committees are required to make, thereby depriving the State of the benefit of said investigations notwithstanding great expense has been incurred in making same; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That the time of the Legislature during the period from March 9, 1923, to the time of sine die adjournment, as hereinafter fixed, should be devoted, in so far as may be practicable, to the consideration only of measures introduced and pending prior to said March 9, 1923; and that noon, March

24, 1923, standard time, is hereby fixed as the date and hour when the Regular Session of the Thirty-eighth Legislature of Texas shall stand adjourned, sine die, and it is so enacted.

Signed—Baldwin, Carpenter of Dallas, Irwin, Covey, Martin, Shires.

The resolution was read second time. Mr. Baldwin moved that the resolution be laid on the table subject to call.

Mr. Greer moved that further consideration of the resolution be postponed indefinitely.

Question first recurring on the motion of Mr. Baldwin, it prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 42 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 42, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring hotel owners or keepers to post in each room a card or sign stating the price per day for such room; prohibiting any advances in prices within thirty days; compelling hotels to furnish guests with tickets showing prices of rooms; fixing penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 115 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1591 of the 1911 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 117 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1623 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 118 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Article 1620 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR NEFF.

In accordance with a resolution here-tofore adopted inviting Governor Pat M. Neff to address the House on February 21, 11 o'clock a. m., the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to escort Governor Neff to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. Beasley, Bell, Patterson, Le-

Stourgeon and Edwards.

performed The committee having their duty, Speaker Seagler introduced Governor Neff, who then addressed the House.

SENATE BILL NO. 135 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third

reading,

S. B. No. 135, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to cover deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State government for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1922, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Pope further consideration of the bill was postponed until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and its caption had been read, the

following enrolled bill:

H. B. No. 131, "An Act to amand Article 2643 of Chapter 2, Title 48, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing that the board of regents of the University of Texas, when authorized by specific legislation, may expend the interest of the permanent university fund for permanent improvements; providing that any contract made in any manner or for any purpose as in said Article 2643 specified shall be null and void, and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILL NO. 136 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third

S. B. No. 136, A bill to be entitled Affairs.

"An Act amending Article 2939 of Chapter 4, of Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, as amended by Chapter 6 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirtysixth Legislature, as amended by the General Laws of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 113, and approved by the Governor on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1921, regulating elections, providing certain qualifications for voters and providing for absentee voting in order that voters may vote who are absent from the State, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Question-Shall the bill be passed to third reading?

RECESS.

Mr. Moore moved that the House recess to 2:30 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Bonham moved that the House recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Quinn moved that the House recess to 1:30 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion by Mr. Moore prevailed, and the House accordingly at 12 o'clock m. took recess to 2:30 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2:30 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Melson:

H. B. No. 614, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 4342 of Chapter 2, Title 65 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas so as to restrict the privilege of applying for deficiency warrants and appropriations and the power and authority of the Governor to grant or approve same except when absolutely necessary to prevent dire need, suffering and calamity, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State

By Mr. Laird and Mr. Pate:

H. B. No. 615, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating five criminal district courts and judges to relieve congested conditions of dockets in courts having general jurisdiction of district courts or part thereof; creating the 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th and 105th judicial districts and defining their territory; creating a criminal district court in each of such districts and providing for a judge of each of such courts; vesting in such courts concurrent criminal jurisdiction with district courts under the Constitution and general laws; prescribing the power, authority and jurisdiction of the judges thereof; providing for the appointment, election, qualification and compensation of said judges; providing for criminal district attorneys and for stenographers in said districts and their qualifications, term and compensation; vesting said courts with jurisdiction and authority to convene said courts in any county in the district in order to carry out the purposes of the act and vesting said court and judges with the necessary power, authority and jurisdiction; providing for the necessary transfer of criminal cases, matters and proceedings; providing for notice of the terms of courts; vesting in such courts and judges all the necessary power and authority to issue the necessary writs and processes and do all things necessary and incidental to their functions and jurisdiction; making provision for the necessary officers, agents and employes; making the necessary provisions incidental to accomplish the purpose of the act; providing that if any portion of the act is held invalid the remainder shall remain in force; providing for appeals and writs of error to the Court of Criminal Appeals; providing for the necessary procedure, practice and rules of evidence in said courts; providing that general laws applicable to district courts and judges shall apply to these courts and judges unless in conflict herewith; providing that the act will | law." cease to have effect after a certain date, and providing for the disposition of cases, proceedings and matters pending, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Mathes (by request):

"An Act creating the Union Hill Independent School District in Swisher

county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights. powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the election of its first board of trustees and their successors; providing for the appointment of a board of equalization, and tax assessor and collector for said district, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Johnson:

H. B. No. 617, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 35, Acts of the Second Called Session of the Thirtyseventh Legislature, being an act to amend House bill No. 23, Chapter 7, page 16, Acts of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, being an act relating to the protection of wild birds and wild fowl in the counties of Dimmit, Uvalde, Medina, Zavalla, Gillespie, Blanco, Llano, Kimble, Kerr, Real, Mason, Edwards, Menard, Sutton, Crockett, Bandera, Comal, Hays, Frio, Maverick, Kinney, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Schleicher, Tom Green, Sterling and Irion, and changing the time of open season on such wild birds and fowl and providing penalties for the unlawful taking and killing of said wild birds and fowl, and exempting said counties above mentioned from Section 5 of Chapter 157 of the General Laws, Thirty-sixth Legislature, passed at its Regular Session, same being House bill No. 457, Chapter 157 thereof, and declaring an emergency, so as to include the county of Gillespie and exclude the county of Kendall therefrom and to place Gillespie county under the provisions of House bill No. 131, Chapter 53, Acts of Second Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature and to place Kendall county under the general

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Teer:

H. B. No. 618, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas at its Regular Session, and approved February H. B. No. 616, A bill to be entitled 18, 1915, which act was House bill No. 177, Chapter 17, of the said session of the said Legislature, amending Sections 26 and 53 of Article 30 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, to reorganize the Twenty-sixth Judicial District of Texas; to abolish the Criminal District Court of Travis and Williamson counties; to create the Ninety-sixth Judicial District of Texas; to fix and define the jurisdiction of the Twentysixth, Fifty-third and Ninety-sixth Judicial Districts of Texas; to fix the time for holding of courts in each of the said judicial districts; to provide for the organizing of grand juries in each of the courts held in the said judicial districts; to provide for a district attorney for the counties of Travis and Williamson, and fixing his compensa-tion; to provide for the transfer of all causes pending on the docket of the said Criminal District Court in Williamson county to the Twenty-sixth Judicial District Court, and for the transfer of all cases on the docket of the said Criminal District Court in Travis county to the said Fifty-third and Ninety-sixth Judicial District courts; to provide for the election of a judge for the Ninety-sixth Judicial District Court; to provide for the appointment of court reporters for Twenty-sixth, Fifty-third and Ninety-sixth Judicial Districts; to conform and validate all writs, process, bonds, recognizances, judgments, orders of the said Criminal District Court, transferred hereunder, and the drawing of grand and petit juries in conformance with the changes herein made; to fix the time that this act shall take effect, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Chitwood:

H. B. No. 619, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1903, Chapter 8, Title 37, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by the act of April 2, 1917, Chapter 176, Section 1, of the Legislature of the State of Texas, relating to the requisites of a plea of privilege, the prima facie proof of defendant's right to a change of venue, the controverting plea of the plaintiff, the service and hearing thereof, and the right of either party to appeal from the judgment rendered, and providing for an immediate appeal from the judgment rendered on such hearing, and prescribing the proceedings in prosecuting such appeal and in the hearing thereof in the Courts of Civil Appeals and the Supreme Court, and providing that cases | act as such until their successors are

pending in the Courts of Civil Appeals may be advanced and given priority, and shall be governed by this act, and de-claring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Johnson:

H. B. No. 620, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Pontotoc Common County Line School District No. 31 of Mason, San Saba and Llano counties. and placing the same under the manage. ment and control of Llano county; defining the powers of said district; providing for election of the first board of trustees of said district; providing for an election to determine whether or not a special school tax for maintenance purposes shall be levied upon the property contained in said district, and to determine whether the several outstanding obligations which may exist against the several territories and the portion of territory of other districts embraced in this district shall be assumed in whole or in part by the property of this district to provide for such indebtedness and pro rata thereof; making alternative provision for the protection of all such indebtedness; abolishing existing school districts wholly included within its boundaries, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on School Districts.

By Mr. Jones:

H. B. No. 621, A bill to be entitled "An Act levying an occupation tax on regular recognized vaudeville theaters in this State; prescribing the manner of collecting said tax; repealing all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Faubion:

H. B. No. 622, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Spicewood Independent School District in Burnet county, Texas, including the present Spicewood District No. 21, of said county; providing a board of trustees therefor, vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts, incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the present Spicewood District No. 21 shall continue to

elected in accordance with the general laws of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on School

Districts.

By Mr. Bonham:

H. B. No. 623, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the City of Aransas, Texas, all right, title and interest of the State of Texas to certain lands lying and being situated under the waters of Red Fish Bay; declaring such granted areas to be the 'Aransas Pass Shipping District,' and defining the purpose for which same is to be used; granting to said City of Aransas Pass the right, power and authority to locate, construct, own and maintain within said granted territory such seawalls or breakwaters as may be necessary or desirable and to fill in the space between same and the mainland, and declaring all areas formed by such filling in to be the property of the City of Aransas Pass; granting said city the right, power and authority to construct within such granted areas, such buildings, streets, slips, docks, terminals, wharves, dikes, piers, watering and loading and unloading facilities, tracks or other improvements, or such exeavations as may be deemed suitable or desirable in the building up and maintaining of the shipping industry of the port, providing for leasing such improvements and the use of which same might be leased and providing for rentals therefor; granting said city the right, power and authority to maintain and operate within the granted areas, loading and unloading facilities, warehouses, storage rooms, watering facilities and generally such machinery, structures and such improvements as may be necessary and proper in the development and maintenance of the shipping industries of the port, and to charge reasonable rates and rentals therefor; granting to said city the right, power and authority to grant franchise to any person, firm or corporation or association of persons for the construction and maintenance within such granted area of such building slips, docks, terminals, wharves, piers, watering and loading and unloading facilities or other improvements, and to carry on such business as might be incidental thereto, previded that no such franchises for any term of years shall be granted by said kill or trap doves and quail in Young city unless submitted to a vote of the county, in this State, for a period of qualified tax paying voters of said city; five years, and inhibiting the taking or

reserving to the State the right at any time to place any piers, wharves and other improvements and the rates and charges thereon under the supervision of the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas; authorizing said City of Aransas Pass to move and abate any encroachments or structures existing on said property and to bring suit or suits as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; granting to said city the right of eminent domain, reserving all mineral rights to the State; provided that the granted areas shall be patented to the City of Aransas Pass upon proper showing that as much as \$50,000 has been expended upon improvements such as are contemplated by this act; reserving to the State of Texas and to the United States the right to erect upon the lands within the granted areas such wharves, piers, structures or other improvements for State or government purposes as may be authorized by law, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

By Mr. McFarlane:

H. B. No. 624, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful to deposit filth, trash, tin cans, rubbish and waste material of any nature in any public. street, road or highway or upon any private land or property; prescribing penalty for the violation of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Loftin:

H. B. No. 625, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the compensation of county commissioners in counties having a population of not less than sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty nor more than seventeen thousand five hundred, according to the last United States census, and which have an area of not less than eleven hundred and fifty square miles, and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. McFarlane:

H. B. No. 626, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring it to be unlawful to

killing of wild fox in said counties for a period of five years, except by dogs; prescribing penalties for the violation of this act, and declaring an emer-

Referred to Committee on Game and

Fisheries.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 54, to the Committee on Common Carriers.

Senate bill No. 173, to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

SENATE BILL NO. 136 ON SECOND READING.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being Senate bill No. 136, relating to election laws, on its passage to third reading.

Mr. Burmeister offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 136 by striking out, on page 3, line 11, the words "of this State."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Burmeister offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 136 by striking out the period at the end of Section D. on page 3 and adding the words "or where he claims his residence to be."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Jennings offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 136, page 2, line 21, by striking out the words "six months" and insert in lieu thereof the words "thirty days."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bonham offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 136 by inserting after the word "elector" in line 8, page 4, the following: "The county clerk shall, at least two days before the election, post a full and complete list of the names of all persons who have cast absentee ballots under the fore-going provisions of this act in some conspicuous place, which shall be accessible to and open to the inspection of any and all persons whomsoever for any and all purposes whatsoever, and said clerk shall point out and exhibit said list to any and all persons desiring | trict of Texas, and creating the Ninety-

to see the same. Said list, in addition to stating the names of said absentee voters, shall also state the postoffice of each of such voters, respectively, and if the voter lives in a city or town then the street address and house number shall also be given. Said list shall be certified to by the county clerk as being a true and correct list of all absentee voters, with their respective addresses, and shall be signed by said clerk officially under his seal. the absentee ballots to be cast at any box are mailed to the presiding judges of the respective voting precincts there shall be enclosed a copy of said full and complete list of voters and no ballot found among the absentee ballot cast by a person whose name is not on said certified list shall be counted, but said ballot shall be absolutely void for any and all purposes."

Mr. Quinn moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was lost:

Senate bill No. 136 was then passed to third reading.

REQUEST OF SENATE GRANTED.

On motion of Mr. Blount, the request of the Senate for the return of Senate bill No. 52 for further consideration was granted.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Lamb, House bills Nos. 608 and 609 were ordered not printed.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMIT-TEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 92.

Mr. Montgomery called up for consideration at this time the following Free Conference Committee report on Senate bill No. 92:

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate, and Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Reresentatives.

Sirs: Your Free Conference Committee appointed on

S. B. No. 92, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time and fixing the terms of holding the district court in the Seventy-ninth Judicial Disthird Judicial District, composing the counties of Hidalgo," etc.,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that we have adjusted the differences between the House and the Senate and have adopted the amendments as hereto attached, and we recommend that Senate bill No. 92 with said amendments be passed.

Respectfully submitted,
PARR,
CLARK,
DARWIN,
On the part of the Senate.
MONTGOMERY,
JOHNSON,
DUNLAP,
SHEARER,
POPE,

On the part of the House.

Amend Senate bill No. 92 by striking out all above the enacting clause and

inserting the following:

S. B. No. 92, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time and fix the terms of holding the district courts in the counties composing the Seventyninth Judicial District of Texas; constituting Hidalgo, Starr, Jim Hogg, Brooks, Duval and Jim Wells counties the Seventy-ninth Judicial District; prescribing the jurisdiction of said court; creating the Ninety-third Judicial District of Texas, to be composed of the county of Hidalgo; providing that the present judge of the Seventy-ninth Judicial District to continue to hold his office as judge of said court for the term of office to which he was elected; providing that the present district attorney of the Seventy-ninth Judicial District to continue as district attorney in the Seventy-ninth Judicial District and to also be district attorney of the Ninety-third Judicial District hereby created and to hold said office for the term of office for which he was elected district attorney of said Seventy-ninth Judicial District, and providing the terms of said courts; providing for the appointment of a suitable person by the Governor as judge of the Ninety-third Judicial District, to hold office until the next general election, and providing for the empaneling of grand juries in the Seventyninth Judicial District, and to conform all writs or process from such courts to such changes and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of courts in said districts as herein fixed, and to

validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors therein, and making same returnable and enforceable in the courts and at the terms of court created by this act; providing that said Seventy-ninth Judicial District Court when sitting in Hidalgo county shall give preference to the trial of criminal cases; providing for the manner of the transfer and disposition of cases on the docket of the district court of the Seventy-ninth Judicial District; repealing Section 2 of Chapter 48 of the Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, passed and approved March 12, 1915, relating to the time of holding district courts in said Seventy-ninth Judicial District, and repealing Chapter 8 of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, passed and approved February 2, 1921, relating to the time of holding courts in said district, and repealing Chapter 5 of the General Laws passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, approved August 14, 1921, and repealing all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency.

Amend Senate bill No. 92 by striking out all after the enacting clause and

inserting the following:

Section 1. The Ninety-third Judicial District of the State of Texas is hereby created and shall be composed of the county of Hidalgo, and the terms of said court of the said district shall be held therein each year, as follows: In said county of Hidalgo on the first Monday in January in each year and may continue in session nine (9) weeks; on the ninth Monday after the first Monday in January of each year and may continue in session twelve (12) weeks; on the Twenty-first Monday after the first Monday in January of each year and may continue in session eight weeks; on the first Monday in September of each year and may continue in session eight weeks and on the eighth Monday after the first Monday in September of each year and may continue in session up to and including the last Saturday in December of each

Sec. 2. The Seventy-ninth Judicial District of Texas shall be composed of the counties of Starr, Hidalgo, Brooks, Jim Hogg, Duval and Jim Wells, and the terms of the district courts of said district shall be held therein each year, as follows:

In the county of Starr on the eighth Monday after the first Monday in January of each year, and may continue in session two weeks; on the first Monday in September of each year and may continue in session two weeks.

In Hidalgo county on the tenth Monday after the first Monday in January of each year and may continue in session seven weeks; on the second Monday after the first Monday in September of each year and may continue in session nine weeks.

In the county of Brooks on the seventeenth Monday after the first Monday in January of each year and may continue in session two weeks; on the eleventh Monday after the first Monday in September of each year and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Jim Hogg on the nineteenth Monday after the first Monday in January of each year and may continue in session two weeks; on the thirteenth Monday after the first Monday in September of each year and may continue in session two weeks.

In the county of Duval on the twenty-first Monday after the first Monday in January of each year and may continue in session four weeks; on the first Monday in January of each year and may continue in session four weeks.

In the county of Jim Wells on the twenty-fifth Monday after the first Monday in January of each year and may continue in session four weeks; on the fourth Monday after the first Monday in January of each year and may continue in session four weeks.

Sec. 3. All processes, writs, bonds and recognizances served or executed prior to the taking effect of this act and returnable to the terms of the district court in each of said counties now comprising the Seventy-ninth Judicial District, and all process heretofore returnable, as well as all bonds and recognizances heretofore entered into in any of said counties and returnable to the district courts of said counties as comprising the Seventy-ninth Judicial District, shall be valid and binding as if no change had been made by this act as to the creation of these judicial districts, and such shall be returnable and enforcible by the district courts of said counties comprising the Seventy-ninth Judicial District as herein provided.

Sec. 4. All process issued or served before this act goes into effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the district courts of any of said counties as constituting the Seventyninth Judicial District shall be considered as returnable to the district

with the terms as prescribed by this act, and all such process is hereby legalized and all grand and petit juries drawn and selected under the existing law in any of the counties comprising the Seventy-ninth Judicial District and heretofore comprising the Seventy-ninth Judicial District shall be considered lawfully drawn and selected for the next. term of the district court for their respective counties, held in accordance with this act; provided, that if any court in any county of said judicial district shall be in session when this act shall take effect as a district court of the Seventy-ninth Judicial District, said court shall continue in session as a court of the Seventy-ninth Judicial District until the terms thereof shall expire under the provisions of the existing laws. Thereafter the courts of said counties shall conform to the requirements of this act.

Sec. 5. From and after the time when this act shall take effect the district court of the Seventy-ninth Judicial District, when sitting in the county of Hidalgo, shall give preference to the trial of criminal cases and shall have and exercise jurisdiction over all causes of action for divorce between husband and wife and adjudication of property rights in connection therewith, and all civil process issued or served before this act goes into effect, returnable to the district court of the Seventyninth Judicial District in Hidalgo county, as now constituted, shall be considered as returnable to the district court of said Seventy-ninth Judicial District in accordance with the terms as prescribed by this act, and all such process is hereby legalized.

Sec. 6. The Governor shall appoint a suitable person possessing the qualifications as prescribed by Section 7, Article 5, of the Constitution as judge of the Ninety-third Judicial District Court as herein constituted, who shall hold such office until the next general election, and until his successors shall have been elected and qualified. judges of said courts shall hereafter be elected as provided by the Constitution a nd laws of the State for the election of district judges.

Sec. 7. The judge of the Seventyninth Judicial District as heretofore existing shall be and remain judge of said court as provided in this act until the expiration of his term of office to which courts of said counties in accordance he was elected, and until his successor

is elected and qualified as now provided by law.

Sec. 8. A grand jury shall be drawn, selected and empanelled for each term of court of said Seventy-ninth Judicial District held in Starr, Jim Hogg, Duval, Jim Wells, Brooks and Hidalgo counties in the manner now provided by law, and all grand and petit jurors for criminal cases drawn and selected for said Seventy-ninth Judicial District Court under the existing law at the time this act shall take effect, shall be as valid as if no change had been made, and the persons constituting such juries shall be required to appear and serve at the next ensuing term of such courts as fixed by this act, and their acts shall be as valid as if they had served as jurors in the court for which they were originally drawn.

Sec. 9. From and after the time when this act shall take effect, the district court of the Ninety-third Judicial District hereby created, composing the county of Hidalgo, shall give preference to the trial of civil cases other than divorce cases.

Sec. 10. Immediately upon the taking effect of this act all civil cases except divorce cases now pending upon the docket of the Seventy-ninth Judicial District Court, in the county of Hidalgo, Texas, together with all records and papers, and the records relating thereto, shall be transferred to the Ninety-third Judicial District Court in said county of Hidalgo.

Sec. 11. That whereas in counties constituting the Seventy-ninth Judicial District under the terms of this bill, as herein provided, and the district attorney for said Seventy-ninth Judicial District has been duly and legally elected and qualified for the present term of office as district attorney in said Seventy-ninth Judicial District, it is further herein provided that the said district attorney for said Seventy-ninth Judicial District, as so elected and qualified, shall be and he is hereby designated as district attorney for the Seventyninth Judicial District for the term of office to which he has been duly and legally elected and qualified as district attorney for said Seventy ninth Judicial District, and shall also represent the State in all cases except tax suits in the Ninety-third Judicial District, and the district attorney for said districts shall hereafter be elected by the qualified voters of said Seventy-ninth Ju-

dicial District, as may be now required by law.

Sec. 12. Section 2, of Chapter 48, of the Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, passed and approved March 12, 1915, and Chapter 8, of the Laws of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, passed and approved February 2, 1921, and Chapter 5, of the General Laws, passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, approved August 14, 1921, each act relating to the times of holding district courts in said district, are hereby repealed; and all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are also repealed.

Sc. 13. The rapid settlement of the county of Hidalgo mentioned in this act, and the crowded situation of the docket of the district court of said Hidalgo county, and the great number of cases filed in said court and a want of time for disposing of the business now on the docket of the district court of Hidalgo county, Texas, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule which provides that bills be read on three several days in each house, and said rule is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Mr. Montgomery moved that the report be adopted.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-106.

Coffee. Mr. Speaker. Amsler. Arnold. Atkinson. Baker of Milam. Baldwin. Barker. Beasley. Bell. Bird. Blount. Bobbitt. Brady. Bryant. Burmeister. Cable. Carpenter of Dallas. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carson. Carter of Coke. Chitwood.

Covey. Cowen. Crawford. Davenport. Davis. DeBerry. Dielmann. Dinkle. Dodd. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunlap. Dunn. Durham. Faubion. Finlay. Gipson. Greer.

Hardin of Erath. Henderson of McLennan.

Hendricks. Houston. Howeth. Hughes. Irwin. Jennings. Jones. Kemble. Lackey. Laird. Lamb. LeMaster. LeStourgeon. Lewis. McBride. McDaniel. McFarlane. McNatt. Martin. Mathes. Maxwell. Merriman. Merritt. Montgomery. Morgan of Liberty. Pate. Patterson. Perdue. Pinkston.

Potter. Price. Purl. Quinn. Řice. Robinson. Rogers. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shearer. Shires. Simpson. Sparkman. Stell. Stewart of Jasper. Storey.

Stroder.
Sweet.
Teer.
Thompson.
Thrasher.
Turner.
Wells.
Westbrook.
Wessels.
Wilmans.
Wilson.
Winfree.
Young.

Nays—1.

Looney.

Pool.

Pope.

Present-Not Voting.

Avis. Culp. Hardin of Kaufman. Harris.

Absent.

Abney.
Barrett.
Bonham.
Edwards.
Fields.
Frnka.
Fugler.
Green.
Harrington.
Henderson
of Marion.
Jacks.
Johnson.
Lane.
Loftin.

McKean.
Melson.
Moore.
Patman.
Quaid.
Rountree.
Sackett.
Smith.
Stevens.
Stewart
of Edwards.
Stewart of Reeves.
Vaughan.
Wallace.
Williamson.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange. Carter of Hays. Collins. Hull. Lusk. Miller.

McDonald.

Morgan of Robertson. Russell of Callahan. Stiernberg. Strickland. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 294, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 5 of the Special and Local Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-seventh Legislature at the First Called Session thereof, said act being an act creating the Mexia Independent School District in Limestone county, Texas, by amending Section I of said act so as to reestablish the boundaries of said Mexia Independent School District and make its boundaries conform to the boundaries of said Mexia Independent School District at the time of the passage of said act, and by amending said act by adding thereto Section 4a to restore to the Point Enterprise, Forest Glade, Woodland, Cedar, Tehuacana and Tehuacana Common School Districts in Limestone county the lands taken from each of said districts and included within said Mexia Independent School District by said act; and to re-establish each of said common school districts with the same boundaries occupied by it at the time of the passage of said act; and to provide that no taxes shall ever be levied or collected by the Mexia Independent School District on the lands taken by this act from the Mexia Independent School District and restored to said common school district, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 295, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 4 of the Special and Local Laws of the State of Texas as passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, being 'An Act creating the Tehuacana Independent School District, in Limestone county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of the State upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; providing for the election of trustees, and their title and rights to school properties; providing for changes in the boundary lines of said district; declaring that all taxes or

heretofore authorized by any bonds former school district included within the bounds thereof shall remain in full force and effect; providing for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining school houses, and organizing and maintaining a high school, and declaring an emergency'; and to restore and re-establish the Tehuacana Common School District, Cedar Common School District, Yarbroville Common School District, Wolf Creek Common School District, Tehuacana Valley Common School District, and Woodland Common School District, situated in Limestone county, Texas, to the same condition and with the same boundaries occupied by each of said districts before the passage of said act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 427, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Barksdale Independent School District in Edwards and Real counties, Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor; vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the existing school in said district shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected in accordance with the general laws of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 428, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Camp Wood Independent School District in Real, Edwards and Uvalde counties, Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor; vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the existing school in said district shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected in accordance with the general laws of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. C. R. No. 4, Providing for an investigation of the recent contracts let by the Texas State Textbook Commission, with amendments.

The Senate has adopted the adverse majority report on House bill No. 51.

Has adopted the Conference Committee report on Senate bill No. 92,

And has passed Simple Resolution No. |

68 requesting the House to return Senate bill No. 52 for correction.

Respectfully, RICHARD BLALOCK, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 WITH SENATE AMEND-MENTS.

Mr. Laird called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. C. R. No. 4, Relating to investigation of recent contracts for free text books.

The Speaker laid the resolution before the House and the Senate amendments were read.

On motion of Mr. Laird, the House concurred in the Senate amendments.

SENATE BILL NO. 143 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 143, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 32 of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to regulate and supervise the sale and purchase in this State of stocks of private, foreign and domestic corporations being organized and hereafter organized or proposed to be organized for profit; and to regulate and supervise the offering or contracting for sale or purchase of such stock of such corporations or proposed corporations, and to fix commission and promotion fees allowed to be charged and providing for service of process, examination fees, and exempting certain corporations from the effect of this act; providing penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency,' by adding thereto Section 14a providing that the terms and provisions of this act shall not apply to any public service corporation doing business under the laws of this State, whose rates or charges are fixed or regulated by laws or by any governmental agency of this State."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Jones, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. next Wednesday.

SENATE BILL NO. 158 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House,

on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 158, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the General Laws of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of 1920, denominated 'An Act to create the Ninety-first Judicial District; fixing its jurisdiction and time of holding court therein; providing for the appointment by the Governor of a judge for said Ninety-first District; providing that the district clerk and county attorney of Eastland county each shall be officers of said Ninety-first District Court and fixing their compensation for services rendered therein; providing for transfer of cases from and to the Ninety-first Judicial District Court and the Eighty-eighth Judicial District Court from one court to the other, requiring notice of such transfer of cases in certain instances to be given; providing that suits shall be alternately filed in said Ninety-first Judicial District Court of Eastland county, and the Eightyeighth Judicial District Court of Eastland county; providing that no grand jury in said Ninety-first District Court of Eastland county shall be organized unless it is specially ordered by the judge of the Ninety-first District, providing that from and after the first day of January of the year 1925 said Ninety-first Judicial District shall cease to exist; declaring that an emergency exists requiring the immediate passage of this act."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 229 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 229, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, and all amendments thereto, including Chapter 145, Acts of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, and Chapter 14 of the General Laws of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, and Chapter 33, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, providing for the manner in which State funds shall be kept and deposited; defining the State Depository Board and its powers, and what banks may become State depositories, and the manner and means of selecting, and for the qualifi-

cation of such State depositories; providing for the distribution of such depositories; providing for the extension of time of payment of funds on deposit in State depositories during financial or industrial depressions; and to provide the manner in which State funds shall be kept and deposited; to define the State Depository Board and its powers; creating the Texas Rate Making Board and defining its powers; and what banks may become State depositories and the manner and means of selecting, and for the qualification of such State depositories; providing for the distribution of such State funds among such depositories; providing for the extension of time of payment in general financial or industrial depressions; providing that the unconstitu-tionality of any part shall not affect the remaining parts of this act; repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Blount offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend the bill, Article 2418, page 2, line 13, by striking out the sentence beginning with the word "it" and ending with the word "Chapter" on line 19, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "It shall be the duty of the State Treasurer during the year 1923 and biennially thereafter, as soon as practicable after the rate of interest has been certified to the State Depository Board by the Texas Rate Making Board, and not later than the twentieth day of September, to mail to each State bank and to each national bank doing business in the State of Texas a circular letter enclosing an application blank to be used by banks in making application for a deposit of State funds for a term of two years after the first day of December next succeeding," and by striking out all after the word "act," page 3, line 14, of said article.

(2)

Amend the bill, Article 2419, page 3, line 26, by striking out the sentence beginning with the word "said" and ending with the word "November" and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: "All applications of banks desiring to be designated depositories of State funds shall be mailed to the State Treasurer at Austin in time to reach his office on or before noon of the fifteenth day of October next succeeding; provided, however, that applications received in the

next succeeding five days may be considered at the option of the State Depository Board."

(3)

Amend the bill, Article 2421, page 4, line 9, after the word "members" by inserting the following, "who shall be citizens of the State of Texas and."

Article 2421, line 13, by striking out the comma after the word "Senate" and inserting in lieu thereof a period

Article 2421, page 4, line 13, by striking out the clause beginning with the word "whose" and ending with the word "qualified" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The members of said board first appointed shall hold office until the thirty-first day of January. 1925, and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified, and thereafter all members of said board shall hold for a term of two years, beginning February 1, biennially, and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in the membership of said Rate Making Board shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term."

Article 2421, page 4, line 26, by striking out the period after the word "expenses" and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and adding the following: "necessarily incurred in connection with their official duties."

Article 2421, page 5, line 19, by striking out the paragraph beginning with the word "The" and ending with the figures "2419" on line 18, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "In the event that this act should become a law on or before March 1, 1923, it shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to reject and disregard all applications for allotments of State funds made under previous law, and the Texas Rate Making Board shall be convened as early as practicable upon the call of the chairman or the State Treasurer, and when convened shall fix a rate of interest to be paid by State depositories for the period ending December 1, 1923, and certify the same to the State Depository Board, whereupon it shall be the duty of the State Depository Board to invite, receive and act upon applications for designation as State depositories for the period ending December 1, 1923, at the rate fixed by the Texas Rate Making Board and with the security mentioned in this chapter, the date for the submission of applications, the acceptance thereof and the time of qualification to be fixed by the State Depository Board."

(4)

Amend the bill, Article 2423, by striking out the said article and inserting "As soon in lieu thereof the following: as practicable after the State Depository Board shall have passed upon all applications, the State Treasurer shall notify all banks whose applications have been accepted of their designation as State depositories, and the said State Treasurer shall require each bank so designated to qualify as a State depository on or before the twenty-fifth day of November next succeeding by (a) depositing a depository bond signed by some surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas in an amount equal to not less than double the amount of State funds allotted, such bond to be payable to the State Treasurer and to be in such form as may be prescribed by the State Depository Board and subject to the approval of such board; or (b) by pledging with the State Treasurer any securities of the following kinds in an amount at par value one-fifth greater than the amount of State funds allotted; bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the United States, bonds of the State of Texas, bonds of Federal land banks located in the State of Texas, bonds of counties, independent school districts and common school districts located in the State of Texas, and bonds issued by municipal corporations located in the State of Texas, or vendor's lien or mortgage lien notes secured by first lien on real. estate situated in the State of Texas of value, exclusive of improvements, at least double the amount of such notes; provided, however, that before any State, county, independent school district, common school district or municipal bonds shall be accepted as collateral security they shall be submitted to the Attorney General and by him approved; and provided further that all bonds accepted as collateral security shall be regulations as are required for bonds in which the permanent school funds are In case vendor's lien and invested. mortgage lien notes are offered for deposits as collateral they shall be accompanied by an abstract of title to the land securing the payment thereof, accompanied by an opinion of a reputable attorney residing in the county in which such land is located approving such title, and the State Depository Board shall make such investigation in

regard to the value of the land securing the payment of such notes as it may deem proper, requiring the payment or deposit by the depository bank offering such collateral of an amount sufficient to cover the expense of investigating the title and value of the land securing such collateral. Subject to the approval of the State Depository Board a State depository may secure its deposit of State funds in part by an acceptable surety bond and in part by acceptable collateral of the kinds herein mentioned. State Depository Board shall have the power to reject, without assigning any reason therefor, any or all collateral, or any surety bond tendered by a State depository, and its action in so doing shall be final and not subject to any review.

"When the collateral pledged by a State depository to secure a deposit of State funds shall be in excess of the amount required under the provisions of this chapter, the State Treasurer may, subject to the approval of the State Depository Board, permit the release of any such excess; provided, however, that in the event the balance to the credit of the State Treasurer on the books of such bank shall be thereafter increased adequate security as provided for in this chapter shall be deposited and maintained by such depository bank."

Amend the bill, Article 2424, page 8, line 14, by striking out the words "thirty days" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "the time specified in this chapter."

Amend the bill, Article 2425, page 9, line 8, by striking out the paragraph beginning with the word "if," and ending with the word "Treasury," on line 14, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "If the State Treasurer shall fail to exercise proper diligence in depositing or investing State funds in accordance with the provisions of this chapter he shall be liable to the State for three per centum annually on funds he fails to deposit or invest; provided that he may retain in the State Treasury or on deposit with reserve depositories, as hereinafter provided, sufficient funds to meet the current demands on the Treasury."

Amend the bill, Article 2426, page 10, line 23, by striking out all the words beginning with the word "he" appearing immediately after the first comma, down to and including the word "same," on line 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the

following: "he shall have the power to forthwith realize upon such bonds, or other securities deposited by said bank, and disburse the money arising therefrom."

Amend the bill, Article 2427, page 10, line 19, by striking out the whole of the Article, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Any State depository receiving State funds under the provisions of this chapter shall pay to the State Treasurer, at the end of each

month in the manner prescribed by him, interest on the average daily balances for said month at the rate fixed by the

Texas Rate Making Board."

Amend the bill, Article 2428, page 11, line 5, by striking out the word "shall" appearing immediately after the first comma, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "may," and by adding after the word "depository," line 5, page 11, the words "or on a State depository."

Article 2428, page 11, line 9, by striking out the sentence beginning with the word "such" and ending with the word "require" on line 13 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The State Depository Board shall fix the amount of security to be required of any reserve depository and when so fixed the reserve depository shall execute or give security of the kind or kinds provided for in Article 2423."

Amend the bill, Article 2429, page 9, line 29, by inserting after the word "depositories" the following: "reserve depositories, or any person or persons," and by striking out the word "shall" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "may."

Article 2429, page 10, line 1, by inserting a semi-colon after the word "San Antonio" and inserting the following: "Provided, however, the liability of any reserve depository, State depository, person or persons sending the same shall not cease until the said money is actually received by the State Treasurer."

Amend the bill, Article 2433, page 13, line 95, by adding the following paragraph thereafter: "In the event there should be at any time a surplus of State funds above the aggregate amount applied for by and allotted to State depositories, together with the amount necessary in the judgment of the State Treasurer to be carried in reserve depositories, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and it shall be his duty, with the approval of the State Depository Board, to invest all of such surplus in

bearer obligations of the Government of the United States yielding interest at a rate of not less than three per centum per annum, such securities to be purchased on the open market at the best price obtainable and to be held by him as the property of the State in such manner as similar securities are required by law to be held. As the needs of the State may require and before withdrawing funds from any State depository it shall be the duty of the State Treasurer to convert all of such obligations into cash by selling the same on the open market at the best price obtainable and placing the proceeds thereof to the credit of the proper

Amend the bill, Article 2434, page 13, line 26, by striking out the whole of said article, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "If it should be found by the State Depository Board at the expiration of any biennial depository period or on the thirtieth day of November, 1923, or on the first day of March, 1923, if this chapter becomes a law on or before the first day of March, 1923, that any of the existing depository banks have not been or will not be selected as depositories for the ensuing period and that the withdrawal of State funds at any particular depository bank will create a demand on such funds at any particular depository bank which it will not be able to meet, though otherwise solvent, and if it should be further found by the State Depository Board that such action is warranted in the interest of the public welfare, then the State Depository Board shall have the discretion and authority to extend the time of payment of such funds into the State Treasury from time to time; provided, however, that such extension shall not be made unless and until such depository bank executes a new application and gives security as provided in this chapter covering such time as the State Depository Board may designate; provided, further, that any depository bank receiving the benefits of this extension privilege shall pay a rate of interest one per centum per annum in excess of the then current rate as fixed by the Texas Rate Making Board."

Amend the bill, Article 2435, page 14, line 19, by striking out all of said article down to and including the word "met" on line 8, page 15, and by amending Section 1 to read Article 2435 and Gipson.

Sections 3 and 4 to read Sections 2 and 3, respectively.

The amendments were severally adopted.

Mr. Price offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 229, page 4, line 24, by striking out the word "three" in said line and insert in lieu thereof the word "four."

The amendment was adopted. Senate bill No. 229 was then passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 229 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Stewart of Edwards moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that Senate bill No. 229 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-96.

Mr. Speaker. Green. Amsler. Greer. Arnold. Hardin of Erath. Atkinson. Hardin of Kaufman. Avis. Baker of Milam. Harrington. Baldwin. Henderson Barker. of Marion. Hendricks. Barrett. Beasley. Houston. Bell. Hughes. Bird. Irwin. Blount. Jacks. Bobbitt. Jennings. Bryant. Kemble. Burmeister. Lackey. Carpenter Laird. of Dallas. Lamb. Carpenter Lane. of Matagorda. LeMaster. Carson. LeStourgeon. Chitwood. Lewis. Coffee. Looney. Covey. McBride. Cowen. McDaniel. Crawford. McDonald. Davis. McFarlane. DeBerry. McNatt. Dielmann. Martin. Dinkle. Mathes. Downs. Melson. Driggers. Duffey. Merritt. Moore. Dunlap. Pate. Durham. Patterson. Faubion. Pinkston. Fugler. Pope. Potter.

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Russell of Trinity. Montgomery. Sanford. Moore. Patman. Satterwhite. Perdue. Simpson. Pinkston. Stevens. Stewart of Jasper. Pool. Purl. Wallace. Rountree Wells. Wilson. Russell of Callahan.

Absent—Excused.

Miller. Baker of Orange. Carter of Hays. Morgan of Robertson. Collins. Hull. Stiernberg. Strickland. Lusk.

SENATE BILL NO. 301 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 301, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the State Insurance Commission to make, establish and promulgate classification of hazards and rates of premium under the Workmen's Compensation Law of this State and to prescribe standard workmen's compensation policy forms; requiring all companies and associations writing workmen's compensation insurance to use the classifications, rates and policy forms established, promulgated and prescribed by the commission; providing for the use of classifications, rates and forms now on file with and approved by the Commissioner of Insurance until classifications, rates and policy forms have been made and prescribed by the commission; requiring the commission to assemble data for use in establishing classifications and rates, and requiring the Commissioner of Insurance to deliver to the commission all data under his control now used in establishing classification, rates and policy forms; authorizing and empowering the commissioner to require sworn statements from insurance companies and associations containing statistical data, and requiring the commission to describe lowing amendment to the bill: necessary forms for such statements; fixing the manner in which the commission shall determine hazards describing the kind and character of rates which shall be fixed and providing what data shall be taken into consideration by the commission in fixing rates; providing for hearings before the commission and the manner in which the tion insurance in this State."

same shall be conducted; requiring the use of uniform policies for workmen's compensation insurance but allowing any company or association to use any form or endorsement appropriate to its plan of operation providing the same shall diminish its liability to pay the compensation provided for in the Workmen's Compensation Law; providing that no company or association shall be prohibited from writing workmen's compensation insurance on the mutual, reciprocal or Lloyds plan, and that no stock company or other company or association shall be prohibited from sharing profits of policy holders, but providing that no dividends to policy holders shall take effect until approved by the commission; fixing the salaries of the members of the commission hereunder and providing for expenditures to meet expenses hereunder, and fixing a maximum amount of such salaries and expenditures, and providing for the annual assessment and collection of a tax or premium for workmen's insurance policies to defray the salaries and expenses of the commission hereunder, and providing that any unexpected balance shall be transferred to the general revenue of the State; empowering the commission to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations; negativing the application hereto of any provisions creating the State Insurance Commission; defining the words company and association; repealing Section 16a and 17 of Part 3 and part of Section 2 of Part 4 of Chapter 103 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, known as the Workmen's Compensation Law, and all other sections or parts of sections of said law and all other laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith or any provisions hereof; providing that if any part of this act be held unconstitutional it shall not affect any other part of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Baker of Milam offered the fol-

Amend Section 14 by striking out all after the words "Texas Employers' Insurance Association or any stock company," and add in lieu thereof the following words: "or any reciprocal or inter-insurance exchange or Lloyd's association authorized by the Commissioner of Insurance to write compensaYeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-71.

Mr. Speaker. Looney. Abney. McBride. Amsler. McDaniel. McDonald. Arnold. McFarlane. Atkinson. Baker of Milam. McKean. Bell. McNatt. Blount. Martin. Bobbitt. Melson. Cable. Merriman. Carpenter Merritt. of Matagorda. Moore. Carson. Morgan Carter of Coke. of Liberty. Coffee. Patman. Pool. Cowen. Pope. Davis. Potter. DeBerry. Dielmann. Quaid. Downs. Quinn. Dunlap. Rowland. Dunn. Russell of Trinity. Durham. Sackett. Edwards. Shearer. Faubion. Shires. Finlay.. Sparkman. Frnka. Stell. Fugler. Stewart Greer. of Edwards. Hardin of Erath. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Henderson of Marion. Stroder. Houston. Sweet. Teer. Jacks. Thrasher. Johnson. Jones. Turner. Lackey. Williamson. Laird. Wilmans. Lamb. Winfree.

Nays-30.

Baldwin. Henderson Barker. of McLennan. Bryant. Howeth. Burmeister. Hughes. Carpenter $\mathbf{LeStourgeon.}$ of Dallas. Mathes. Covey. Maxwell. Crawford. Patterson. Culp. Purl. Davenport. Rogers. Dodd. Smith. Driggers. Storey. Duffey. Vaughan. Fields. Westbrook. Green. Wessels. Harrington. Young.

Present-Not Voting.

Avis. Harris.

Hendricks. Pate. Pinkston. Price.

Absent.

Barrett. Loftin. Beasley. Montgomery. Bird. Perdue. Bonham. Rice. Brady. Robinson. Chitwood. Rountree. Dinkle. Russellof Callahan. Gipson. Hardin Sanford. of Kaufman. Satterwhite. Hull. Simpson. Irwin. Stevens. Jennings. Thompson. Kemble. Wallace. Lane. Wells. LeMaster. Wilson. Lewis.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Lusk.
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Strickland.

Mr. Baker of Milam offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 9 by striking out all of said section and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the operation hereunder of any stock company, mutual company, reciprocal or inter-insurance exchange or Lloyd's association or to prohibit any stock company, mutual company, reciprocal or inter-insurance exchange or Lloyd's association issuing participating policies."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Baker of Milam offered the following amendment to the bill:

Add a section to be known as Section 15, as follows:

"Sec. 15. The term Commissioners of Insurance and Banking, as used in this act, shall be held to mean the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, as now constituted, or such officer as may hereafter be head of the insurance department of this State.'

Renumber sections from 15 of the bill to the end, changing 15 to 16 and so on.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 301, Section

8, by striking out all of Section 8, substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"In addition to the duty of prescribing classifications and rates the commission snall prescribe a uniform policy for workmen's compensation insurance, and no company or association shall thereafter use any other form in writing workmen's compensation insurance in this State, provided, however, that any company or association may use any form of endorsement appropriate to its plan of operation, provided such endorsement shall be first submitted to and approved by the commission and any contract or agreement not written into the application and policy shall be void and of no effect and in violation of the provisions of this act and shall be sufficient cause for revocation of license to write workmen's compensation insurance within this State.3

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Smith moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the motion to postpone was tabled.

Mr. Smith offered the following amendment to the bill:

That Section 9 be amended, and that beginning at the word "commission" in line 19 the following words be added:

"And provided that said mutual, reciprocal or Lloyds plan insurance company or organization be required to pay the same tax upon workmen's compensation insurance written in this State as is now paid by stock companies writing workmen's compensation insurance."

On motion of Mr. Baker of Milam the amendment was tabled.

Mr. Carpenter of Dallas moved that further consideration of the bill be post-poned until 10 o'clock a. m. next Saturday.

Mr. Quinn moved to table the motion to postpone.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-59.

Mr. Speaker. Carter of Coke. Amsler. Chitwood. Coffee. Arnold. Baker of Milam. Cowen. Barrett. Davenport. Bird. Davis. Blount. DeBerry. Bobbitt. Dodd. Brady. Driggers. Bryant. Duffey.

Fields. Fugler. Gipson. Harrington. Howeth. Jacks. Jones. Lackey. Lamb. Lane. LeStourgeon. McBride. McDaniel. McFarlane. McKean. McNatt. Melson. Merriman. Moore. Morgan of Liberty.

Potter. Price. Quaid. Quinn. Rogers. Russell of Trinity. Sackett. Shearer. Simpson. Stewart of Edwards. Stroder. Sweet. Thrasher. Turner. Wells. Wessels. Wilmans. Winfree.

Pool.

Nays-56.

Atkinson. Avis. Baldwin. Barker. Beasley. Bonham. Burmeister. Cable. Carpenter of Dallas. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carson. Covey. Crawford. Culp. Downs. Dunn. Edwards. Faubion. Finlay. Green. Greer. Hardin of Erath.

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Present-Not Voting.

Dunlap. Harris.

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Hughes.

Irwin.

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Martin.

Absent.

Abney.
Bell.
Dielmann.
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Durham.
Frnka.

Henderson of Marion. Hendricks. Houston. Laird. Lewis. McDonald. Montgomery. Patman. Perdue. Pope.

Rountree. Shires. Stevens. Stiernberg. Teer.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange. Carter of Hays. Collins. Hull. Lusk.

Miller.

Morgan of Robertson. Russell of Callahan. Stewart of Reeves.

Strickland.

Mr. Carpenter of Dallas offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 301, Section 1, by striking out the words "State Insurance Commission, hereinafter called the commission, created by Chapter 106 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature" appearing in lines 29, 30 and 31 on page 2, and substituting in lieu thereof the words "Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, hereinafter called the commissioner;" amend Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 by striking out the word "commission" wherever the same appears and substituting in lieu thereof the word "commissioner."

Mr. Baker of Milam moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the bill, and the motion was duly seconded.

Question recurring on the motion for the previous question, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-74.

Mr. Speaker. Fugler. Amsler. Green. Baker of Milam. Greer. Harrington. Barrett. Bird. Henderson Bobbitt. of Marion. Brady. Hendricks. Carson. Houston. Chitwood. Howeth. Coffee. Irwin. Covey. Jennings. Cowen. Jones. Crawford. Lackey. Lamb. Davenport. Davis. LeMaster. DeBerry. LeStourgeon. Dodd. Looney. Driggers. McBride. Duffey. McDaniel. Dunlap. McDonald. Faubion. McFarlane. Fields. McKean.

McNatt. Shearer. Martin. Shires. Merriman. Sparkman. Merritt. Stell. Morgan Stewart of Liberty. of Edwards. Pate. Stewart of Reeves. Perdue. Sweet. Pinkston. Teer. Thompson. Pool. Potter. Thrasher. Quinn. Robinson. Turner. Wessels. Rogers. Williamson. Russell of Trinity. Wilmans. Sackett. Winfree. Satterwhite.

Nays-37.

Atkinson. Jacks. Avis. Kemble. Baldwin. Loftin. Mathes. Barker. Beasley. Maxwell. Patman. Bell. Bonham. Patterson. Price. Cable. Carpenter Purl. Rice. of Dallas. Downs. Rowland. Sanford. Dunn. Edwards. Simpson. Finlay. Smith. Hardin of Erath. Stewart of Jasper. Storey. Hardin Vaughan. Wallace. of Kaufman. Henderson of McLennan. ${f Westbrook}$. Wilson. Hughes.

Present-Not Voting.

Harris.

Young.

Absent.

Johnson. Abney. Blount. Laird. Lane. Bryant. Lewis. Burmeister. Melson. Carpenter of Matagorda. Montgomery. Carter of Coke. Moore. Pope. Culp. Quaid. Dielmann. Rountree. Dinkle. Stevens. Durham. Stroder. Frnka. Wells. Gipson.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange. Hull. Carter of Hays. Lusk. Collins. Miller. Morgan Stiernberg. of Robertson. Strickland. Russell of Callahan.

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Carpenter of Dallas, it was lost.

Mr. Smith raised a point of order on further consideration of the bill at this time on the ground that the time for consideration of local bills had arrived.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

HOUSE BILL NO. 495 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 495, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 72, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and Chapters 26 and 99. General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and Chapter 131, General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 10 of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 13 of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and Chapter 35 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty sixth Legislature, and Chapter 105 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and Chapter 50 of the General Laws of the Third Called Session of the Thirtysixth Legislature, and Chapter 32 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named, so as to include Leon county.

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read second time.

Mr. Bonham offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend line 19, page 2, by inserting therein after the word "Real" the word "Refugio."

Mr. Amsler offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend line 40, page 3, by adding "Fort Bend" after "Refugio."

The amendment was adopted.

The (committee) amendment as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Robinson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 495, line 11, page 2, by inserting therein after the word "Irion," the word "Jack."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Amsler offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 495, page 3, line 17, by adding after the word "provided," "Provided further, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to Fort Bend county as a whole but shall apply only to such subdivisions thereof as may be designated in the manner as hereinafter provided."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Bonham offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend the caption by striking out the word "county" after the word "Leon," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and Refugio counties."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 495 was then passed to engrossment.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COM-MITTEE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 168.

Mr. Pope called up for consideration at this time the following conference committee report on House bill No. 168:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1923.

Hon. T. W. Davidson, President of the Senate, and Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Gentlemen: We, your Free Conference Committee, appointed on

H. B. No. 168, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 23 of an act passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to create a permanent Textbook Commission for the State of Texas, to be styled The Texas State Textbook Commission, defining its membership and appointment, etc., being Senate bill No. 16, Chapter 44 of said Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report that we have been unable to adjust the differences between the House and the Senate.

Four members of the House committee and two members of the Senate committee agreed to recommend the passage of said House bill No. 168 by eliminating the Senate amendments and adopting the following amendment, to wit:

Amend House bill No. 168 by striking out all of line 11, Section 23, page 1, of the engrossed bill beginning with the word "provided" and strike out all of line 12, said Section 23, page 1 of said engrossed bill, and strike out all of lines 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, page 2, of engrossed bill and insert in lieu thereof

the following:

Provided that all books in use in the public schools of this State on December 1, 1922, shall be continued in use as textbooks to the exclusion of all others in the public free schools of this State until August 31, 1925, or until the Textbook Commission of the State of Texas, under the provisions hereof and under existing laws, shall make valid and legal contracts otherwise; it being expressly provided that if at the expiration of any contract or extension thereof, before August 31, 1925, by virtue of which any of such books in use on December 1, 1922, were supplied, the Textbook Commission finds after thorough examination and investigation that the prices of such books covered by such expiring contracts or expiring extensions are too high or that the holders of such expiring contracts or expiring extensions will not furnish the books covered thereby at the prices therein fixed, then such commission is authorized to secure said books or others, as substitutes therefor, as is provided herein and by existing law.

We recommend that two additional members be appointed to the House committee and two additional members be appointed to the Senate committee and that said bill be further con-

sidered.

Respectfully submitted,

WITT, BAUGH, DARWIN, HOLBROOK, WOODS,

On the part of the Senate.

LOFTIN, JONES, POPE, GREER, BELL,

On the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Pope, the request of the committee was granted.

In accordance with the above action,

the Speaker announced the appointment of the following additions to the committee: Messrs. Crawford and Storey.

SENATE BILL NO. 171 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 171, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the West Independent School District in the county of McLennan, State of Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; divesting the city of West and the old West Independent School District, as heretofore created, of the control of its public free schools, and the title of all property now held and used for free school purposes, and vesting the same in the West Independent School District as here created, and its board of trustees, and providing that all moneys now on hand to be hereafter acquired for school purposes from the sale of bonds, or otherwise be delivered by the city of West or the West Independent School District, as heretofore existing, unto the board of trustees of the West Independent School District, as here now created: and providing for the assessment and collection of taxes, and for the appointment and election by the board of trustees for a treasurer and other officers; granting power unto said board of trustees to issue bonds and providing for a sinking fund therefor; granting power unto said board of trustees to purchase school sites and to erect, furnish, equip and maintain schools and school buildings within said district, and granting such other powers as are granted by general laws to cities and towns incorporated for school purposes only, and providing for an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Henderson of McLennan offered the following amendment to the bill: Amend Senate bill No. 171 by adding

a new section to read as follows:

"Provided the provisions of this act shall not take effect or be in force until after the first day of July, 1923." Signed—Hughes, Henderson of Mc-Lennan.

Mr. Kemble moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the bill and the motion was duly seconded.

Question recurring on the motion for the previous question, year and nays were demanded. The previous question was ordered by the following vote:

Yeas-71.

Amsler. Lamb. LeMaster. Arnold. McBride. Atkinson. McDaniel. Avis. Baker of Milam. McFarlane. McKean. Baldwin. Barker. McNatt. Barrett. Mathes. Bell. Melson. Bobbitt. Merriman. Bonham. Merritt. Morgan Bryant. of Liberty. Carpenter of Dallas. Patterson. Carpenter Perdue. of Matagorda. Pope. Carson. Price. Chitwood. Quaid. Coffee. Quinn. Covey. Rogers. Cowen. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Davis. Driggers. Sackett. Duffey. Sanford. Dunlap. Satterwhite. Durham. Shires. Fields. Simpson. Gipson. Stell. Hardin Stewart of Jasper. of Kaufman. Stroder. Harrington. Sweet. Hendricks. Thompson. Houston. Thrasher. Howeth. Turner. Wessels. Jennings. Winfree. Jones. Kemble. Young.

Nays-32.

Lackey.

Abney. Henderson Beasley. of McLennan. Burmeister. Laird. Crawford. LeStourgeon. Culp. Loftin. Maxwell. Dielmann. Dinkle. Pool. Purl. Dodd. Dunn. Robinson. Finlay. Shearer. Frnka. Smith. Fugler. Stewart Greer. of Edwards. Hardin of Erath. Storey. Harris. Vaughan. Henderson Williamson. of Marion. Wilson. Hughes.

Present-Not Voting.

Bird. Green. DeBerry. Sparkman.

Wells. Wilmans. Westbrook.

Absent.

Blount. McDonald. Brady. Martin. Montgomery. Cable. Carter of Coke. Moore. Davenport. Pate. Downs. Patman. Edwards. Pinkston. Potter. Faubion. Rice. Irwin. Jacks. Rountree. Stevens. Johnson. Stewart of Reeves. Lane. Lewis. Teer. Looney. Wallace.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

Mr. Burmeister moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum until 6 o'clock p. m. today.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-42.

Amsler. Martin. Baldwin. Melson. Barker. Patterson. Bell. Perdue. Burmeister. Purl. Carpenter Quaid. of Dallas. Rogers. Carson. Russell of Trinity. DeBerry. Sackett. Dielmann. Sanford. Gipson. Simpson. Greer. Smith. Hardin of Erath. Stell. Hardin Stewart of Kaufman. of Edwards. Harrington. Stewart of Reeves. Harris. Stroder. Hughes. Sweet. Jacks. Thrasher. Jones. Turner. LeStourgeon. Williamson. McDonald. Young. McFarlane.

Nays—73.

Abney. Beasley.
Arnold. Bird.
Atkinson. Bonham.
Avis. Bryant.
Barrett. Cable.

Carpenter LeMaster. of Matagorda. Loftin. Chitwood. Looney. Covey. McBride. Cowen. McDaniel. Crawford. McNatt. Culp. Mathes. Davis. Maxwell. Dinkle. Merriman. Dodd. Merritt. Driggers. Moore. Duffey. Morgan of Liberty. Dunlap. Dunn. Pinkston. Durham. Pool. Edwards. Potter. Price. Fields. Finlay. Quinn. Rice. Frnka. Fugler. Robinson. Green. Rowland. Henderson Satterwhite. of Marion. Shearer. Henderson Sparkman. of McLennan. Stewart of Jasper. Hendricks. Storey. Houston. Thompson. Howeth. Vaughan. Kemble. Wells. Lackey. Westbrook. Laird. Wessels. Wilson. Lamb. Lane. Winfree.

Present—Not Voting.

Shires.

Wilmans.

Absent.

Baker of Milam. Johnson. Blount. Lewis. Bobbitt. McKean. Brady. Montgomery. Carter of Coke. Pate. Coffee. Patman. Davenport. Pope. Downs. Rountree. Faubion. Stevens. Irwin. Teer. Jennings. Wallace.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Henderson of McLennan, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-42.

Abney. Loftin. Carson. Looney. Crawford. Martin. Dielmann. Mathes. Dinkle. Maxwell. Dodd. Merritt. Finlay. Perdue. Frnka. Purl. Fugler. Russell of Trinity. Hardin of Erath. Shearer. Hardin Smith. of Kaufman. Stell. Harrington. Stewart Harris. of Edwards. Henderson Storey. of Marion. Vaughan. Henderson Wallace. of McLennan. Wells. Houston. Westbrook. Hughes. Wessels. Laird. Williamson. Lamb. Wilson. LeStourgeon.

Nays—58.

Amsler. McDaniel. Arnold. McDonald. Atkinson. McFarlane. Avis. McNatt. Baker of Milam. Melson. Baldwin. Merriman. Moore. Barker. Barrett. Morgan Beasley. of Liberty. Patterson. Bell. Brady. Pinkston. Bryant. Pope. Burmeister. Potter. Carpenter of Matagorda. Quaid. Quinn. Coffee. Rice. Cowen. Robinson. Davis. Rowland. Sackett. Driggers. Duffey. Sanford. Fields. Shires. Gipson. Sparkman. Stewart of Jasper. Green. Stroder. Greer. Sweet. Howeth. Jennings. Thompson. Thrasher. Kemble. Turner. Lane. LeMaster. Winfree. Lewis. Young. McBride.

Present-Not Voting.

Bird.
Bobbitt.
Cable.
Chitwood.
Covey.
DeBerry.

Dunn.
Jones.
Price.
Satterwhite.
Wilmans.

Absent.

Blount. Jacks. Bonham. Johnson. Lackey. Carpenter McKean. of Dallas. Carter of Coke. Montgomery. Culp. Pate. Davenport. Patman. Downs. Pool. Dunlap. Rogers. Durham. Rountree. Edwards. Simpson. Faubion. Stevens. Stewart of Reeves. Hendricks.

Absent-Excused.

Teer.

Baker of Orange. Carter of Hays. Collins. Hull. Lusk. Miller.

Irwin.

Morgan of Robertson. Russell of Callahan.

Stiernberg. Strickland.

Question next recurring on the final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

Senate bill No. 171 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-66.

Arnold. Atkinson. Avis. Baker of Milam. Baldwin. Barker. Barrett. Bell. Bird. Bobbitt. Bonham. Brady. Bryant. Carpenter of Matagorda. Chitwood. Coffee. Cowen. Davis. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunn. Edwards. Fields. Gipson. Green. Howeth. Jennings. Kemble. Lane.

LeMaster.

McBride.

McDonald.

Lewis.

McFarlane. McNatt. Melson. Merriman. Merritt. Moore. Morgan of Liberty. Patterson. Pinkston. Pool. Potter. Price. Quaid. Quinn. Robinson. Rogers. Rowland. Sackett. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shires. Sparkman. Stell. Stewart of Edwards. Stewart of Reeves. Sweet. Thompson. Thrasher. Turner. Williamson. Winfree. Young.

Nays-34.

Amsler. Laird. Beasley. Lamh. Burmeister. LeStourgeon. Loftin. Carson. Dielmann. Looney. Dinkle. Martin. Finlay. Maxwell. Frnka. Perdue. Fugler. Russell of Trinity. Hardin of Erath. Shearer.

Hardin Smith.
of Kaufman. Stewart of Jasper.
Harris. Storey.
Henderson Stroder.

Henderson of Marion. Vaughan. Henderson Wells. of McLennan. Houston. Hughes. Stroder. Vaughan. Wessels. Wilson.

Present-Not Voting.

Abney. McDaniel.
Cable. Patman.
Crawford. Purl.
DeBerry. Rice.
Dodd. Westbrook.
Harrington. Wilmans.
Jones.

Absent.

Jacks. Blount. Carpenter Johnson. of Dallas. Lackey. Carter of Coke. McKean. Covey. Mathes. Culp. Montgomery. Pate. Davenport. Pope. Dunlap. Rountree. Durham. Faubion. Simpson. Greer. Stevens. Hendricks. Teer. Wallace. Irwin.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange. S Carter of Hays. M Collins. Hull. R Lusk.

Miller.

Stiernberg.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Strickland.

Mr. Shires moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 204 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,
S. B. No. 204, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the El Carre Inde-

pendent School District, in Jim Wells county, Texas; defining its boundaries, providing a board of three trustees, and for the election of their successors; investing said district and its trustees with full powers, privileges and duties as provided by general law for school districts incorporated for free school purposes only; investing the trustees with the control of the public schools in said district; authorizing the levy and collection of taxes for certain purposes, authorizing the commissioners court of said county to levy, and the assessor to assess, and the collector to collect, under certain conditions, such taxes as the trustees of said school district shall request, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-104.

Abney. Houston. Amsler. Howeth. Arnold. Hughes. Atkinson. Jacks. Johnson. Avis. Baldwin. Jones. Barker. Kemble. Barrett. Lackey. Beasley. Laird. Bell. Lamb. Bird. Lane. Bobbitt. Le Master. Brady. LeStourgeon. Bryant. Loftin. Burmeister. Looney Cable. McBride. Carpenter McDaniel. of Matagorda. McFarlane. Carson. McNatt. Chitwood. Martin. Coffee. Mathes. Cowen. Maxwell. Davis. Melson. DeBerry. Merriman. Dielmann. Merritt. Dinkle. Moore. Dodd. Morgan Duffey. of Liberty. Patman. Dunn. Edwards. Patterson. Perdue. Fields. Finlay. Pinkston. Pool. Frnka. Potter. Fugler. Purl. Gipson. Quinn. Green. Rice. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Robinson. Rowland. Hardin Russell of Trinity. of Kaufman, Harrington. Sackett. Henderson Sanford. of Marion. Satterwhite.

Shearer. Thompson. Thrasher. Shires. Turner. Simpson. Wells. Sparkman. Stell. Westbrook. Wessels. Stewart of Edwards. Williamson. Stewart of Jasper. Wilmans. Storey. Wilson. Stroder. Winfree. Sweet. Young.

Absent.

Baker of Milam. Irwin. Blount. Jennings. Bonham. Lewis. McDonald. Carpenter of Dallas. McKean. Carter of Coke. Montgomery. Covey. Pate. Pope. Crawford. Culp. Price. Davenport. Quaid. Rogers. Downs. Driggers. Rountree. Dunlap. Smith. Durham. Stevens. Faubion. Stewart of Reeves. Teer. Harris. Henderson Vaughan. of McLennan. Wallace. Hendricks.

. Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Collins.
Carter of Hays.
Hull.
Lusk.
Miller.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

SENATE BILL NO. 205 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage

its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 205, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Sheerin Independent School District in Jim Wells county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing a board of three trustees, and for the election of their successors; investing said district and its trustees with full powers, privileges and duties as provided by general law for school districts incorporated for free school purposes only; investing the trustees with the control of the public schools in said district; authorizing the levy and collection of taxes for certain purposes; authorizing the commissioners court of said county to levy, and the assessor to assess, and the collector to collect, under certain conditions, such taxes as

the trustees of said school district shall request, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-106.

Abney. Looney. McBride. Arnold. Atkinson. McDaniel. McDonald. Avis. Baker of Milam. McFarlane. Baldwin. McNatt. Martin. Barker. Mathes. Barrett. Maxwell. Beasley. Merriman. Bell. Bird. Merritt. Bobbitt. Moore. Morgan Brady. of Liberty. Bryant. Patman. Burmeister. Cable. Patterson. Perdue. Carpenter of Matagorda. Pinkston. Carson. Pool. Potter. Chitwood. Price. Coffee. Cowen. Purl. Quaid. Davis. Quinn. Rice. Dielmann. Dinkle. Dodd. Robinson. Downs. Rogers. Driggers. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Duffey. Dunn. Sackett. Edwards. Sanford. Satterwhite. Finlay. Frnka. Shearer. Fugler. Simpson. Green. Smith. Greer. Sparkman. Hardin of Erath. Stell. Hardin Stewart of Kaufman. of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Harrington. Henderson Storey. of Marion. Stroder. Houston. Sweet.' Howeth. Thompson. Thrasher. Hughes. Jacks. Turner. Johnson. Vaughan. Wells. Jones. Lackey. $\mathbf{Westbrook}.$ Wessels. Laird. Lamb. Williamson. Wilmans. Lane. Le Master. Wilson. Winfree. LeStourgeon. Lewis. Young. Loftin.

Nays-1.

DeBerry.

Absent.

Amsler. Hendricks. Blount. Irwin. Bonham. Jennings. Kemble. Carpenter of Dallas. McKean. Carter of Coke. Melson. Covey. Montgomery. Crawford. Pate. Culp. Pope. Davenport. Rountree. Dunlap. Shires. Stevens. Durham. Faubion. Stewart of Reeves. Fields. Teer. Gipson. Wallace. Harris.

Henderson of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

SENATE BILL NO. 206 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 206, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Dilworth Independent School District in Jim Wells county, Texas; defining its boundaries, providing a board of trustees, and for the election of their successors, investing said district and its trustees with full powers, privileges and duties as provided by general law for school districts incorporated for free school purposes only; investing the trustees with the control of the public schools in said district; authorizing the levy and collection of taxes for certain purposes; authorizing the commissioners court of said county to levy, and the assessor to assess, and the collector to collect, under certain conditions, such taxes as the trustees of said school district shall request, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-104.

Abney. Baldwin.
Amsler. Barker.
Arnold. Barrett.
Atkinson. Beasley.
Avis. Bell.
Baker of Milam. Bird.

Bobbitt. Bonham. Brady. Bryant. Cable. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carson. Chitwood. Coffee. Culp.
DeBerry. Dielmann. Dodd. Driggers. Duffey. Dunn. Edwards. Faubion. Finlay. Frnka. Fugler. Gipson. Green. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Hardin of Kaufman. Harrington. Henderson of Marion. Houston. Howeth. Hughes. Jacks. Jennings. Johnson. Jones. Kemble. Lackey. Laird. Lamb. LeMaster. LeStourgeon. Lewis. Loftin. Looney.

McDaniel. McFarlane. McNatt. Mathes. Maxwell. Merriman. Merritt. Morgan of Liberty. Patman. Perdue. Pinkston. Pool. Pope. Potter. Price. Purl. Quinn. Rice. Robinson. Rogers. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Sackett. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shearer. Simpson. Smith. Sparkman. Stell. Stewart of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Storey. Sweet. Thrasher. Turner. Vaughan. Wells. Westbrook. Wessels.

Absent.

Blount. Burmeister. Carpenter of Dallas. Carter of Coke. Covey. Cowen. Crawford. Davenport. Davis. Dinkle. Downs. Dunlap. Durham. Fields. Harris.

McBride.

Henderson of McLennan. Hendricks. Irwin. Lane. McDonald. McKean. Martin. Melson. Montgomery. Moore. Pate. Patterson. Quaid. Rountree. Shires.

Williamson.

Wilmans.

Wilson.

Winfree.

Young.

Stevens. Teer. Stewart of Reeves. Thompson. Stroder. Wallace.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Miller.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Adams Independent School District in San Patricio county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; vesting said district with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts created for free school purposes only; providing for the assumption by said district of all existing indebtedness of the territory embraced within the said district hereby created, and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-107.

Abney. Dinkle. Amsler. Dodd. Arnold. Downs. Atkinson. Driggers. Avis. Dunn. Baker of Milam. Faubion. Baldwin. Finlay. Barker. Frnka. Barrett. Fugler. Beasley. Gipson. Bell. Green. Bird. Greer. Bobbitt. Hardin of Erath. Bonham. Harrington. Henderson Brady. Bryant. of Marion. Burmeister. Houston. Cable. Howeth. Carpenter Hughes. of Matagorda. Hull. Carson. Jacks. Chitwood. Jennings. Coffee. Johnson. Collins. Jones. Kemble. Cowen. Crawford. Laird. Davis. Lamb. DeBerry. Lane. Dielmann. Le Master.

LeStourgeon. Lewis. Looney. McBride. McDaniel. McDonald. McNatt. Martin. Mathes. Maxwell. Melson. Merriman. Merritt. Moore. Morgan of Liberty. Patterson. Perdue. Pinkston. Pool. Pope. Potter. Price. Purl. Quaid.

Quinn.

Rice. Robinson.

Rogers. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Sackett. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shearer. Simpson. Sparkman. Stell. Stewart of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Storey. Stroder. Sweet. Thompson. Thrasher. Turner. Vaughan. Wells. Westbrook. Wessels. Williamson.

Absent.

Wilmans.

Wilson.

Loftin.

Winfree.

Blount. Hendricks. Carpenter Irwin. Lackey. of Dallas. Carter of Coke. McFarlane. Covey. Culp. Davenport. Duffey. Dunlap. Durham. Edwards. Fields. Hardin of Kaufman. Harris. Henderson

McKean. Montgomery. Pate. Patman. Rountree. Shires. Smith. Stevens. Stewart of Reeves. Teer. Wallace. Young.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange. Carter of Hays. Lusk. Miller. Morgan

of McLennan.

Russell of Callahan. Stiernberg. Strickland.

of Robertson. HOUSE BILL NO. 234 ON THIRD

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Springlake Independent School District in Lamb county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and | Green.

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its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the trustees thereof; providing that certain territory taken away from the Sudan Independent School District in Lamb county, Texas, and placed within the Springlake Independent School District shall remain chargeable with its pro rata part of any bonded indebtedness heretofore voted in said Sudan Independent School District; and providing that the Springlake Independent School District as herein created may as a whole vote to assume such pro rata part of said bonds; providing for the appointment of a board of equalization and tax assessor and collector for said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was

passed by the following vote:

Yeas-112.

Abney. Amsler. Arnold. Atkinson. Avis. Baker of Milam. Baldwin. Barker. Barrett. Beasley. Bell. Bird. Bobbitt. Bonham. Brady. Bryant. Burmeister. Cable. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carson. Chitwood. Coffee. Cowen. Crawford. Davis. DeBerry. Dielmann. Dinkle. Dodd. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunn. Faubion. Finlay. Frnka. Fugler. Gipson.

Greer. Harrington. Henderson of Marion. Henderson of McLennan. Houston. Howeth. Hughes. Jacks. Jennings. Johnson. Jones. Kemble. Lackey. Laird. Lamb. Lane. Le Master. LeStourgeon. Loftin. Looney. McBride. McDaniel. McDonald. McFarlane. McNatt. Martin. Mathes. Maxwell. Melson. Merriman. Merritt. Moore. Morgan of Liberty. Patman. Patterson. Perdue. Pool.

Pope. Potter. Price. Quaid. Quinn. Rice. Robinson. Rogers. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Sackett. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shearer. Shires. Simpson. Winfree. Sparkman. Stell. Young.

Stewart of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Storey. Stroder. Sweet. Thompson. Thrasher. Turner. Vaughan. Wells. Westbrook. Wessels. Williamson. Wilmans. Wilson.

Absent.

Blount.
Carpenter
of Dallas.
Carter of Coke.
Covey.
Culp.
Davenport.
Dunlap.
Durham.
Edwards.
Fields.

Irwin.
Lewis.
McKean.
Montgomery.
Pate.
Pinkston.
Purl.
Rountree.
Smith.
Stevens.
Stewart of Reeves.

Hendricks.

Hardin of Erath. Hardin of Kaufman.

Teer. Wallace.

Harris.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange. Carter of Hays. Collins. Hull. Lusk. Miller. Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 353 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 353, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe a closed season for the hunting of blue quail or scaled quail in Lampasas county, Texas, and to provide adequate penalties for the unlawful taking, slaughter, storage or possession of same; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-110.

Abney. Amsler. Arnold. Atkinson. Avis. Baker of Milam. Baldwin. Barker.

Barrett. Beasley. Bell. Bird. Bobbitt. Brady. Bryant. Burmeister. Cable. Carpenter of Matagorda. Carson. Chitwood. Coffee. Cowen. Crawford. Davis. DeBerry. Dielmann. Dinkle. Dodd. Downs. Driggers. Duffey. Dunn. Durham. Edwards. Faubion. Finlay. Frnka. Fugler. Gipson. Green. Greer. Harrington. Houston. Henderson of Marion. Henderson of McLennan. Howeth. Hughes. Jacks. Jennings. Johnson. Jones. Kemble. Lackey. Laird. Lamb. Lane. LeMaster. LeStourgeon.

Looney. McBride. McDaniel. McDonald. McNatt. Martin. Mathes. Maxwell. Melson. Merriman. Merritt. Moore. Morgan of Liberty. Patman. Patterson. Perdue. Pool. Pope. Potter. Price. Quaid. Quinn. Rice. Robinson. Rogers. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Sackett. Sanford. Satterwhite. Shearer. Shires. Simpson. Sparkman. Stell. Stewart of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Storey. Stroder. Sweet. Thompson. Thrasher. Turner. Vaughan. Wells. Westbrook. Wessels.

Absent.

Blount.
Bonham.
Carpenter
of Dallas.
Carter of Coke.
Covey.
Culp.
Davenport.
Dunlap.
Fields.

Lewis.

Hardin of Erath.
Hardin
of Kaufman.
Harris.
Hendricks.
Irwin.
Loftin.
McFarlane.
McKean.
Montgomery.

Williamson.

Wilmans.

Wilson.

Young.

Winfree.

Pate. Pinkston.

Purl.

Rountree. Smith.

Stevens.

Stewart of Reeves. Teer.

Wallace.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange. Carter of Hays. Collins. Hull. Lusk. Miller.

Morgan of Robertson. Russell

of Callahan. Stiernberg. Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 445 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 445, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 16 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature at its First Called Session, changing the time of holding courts in the Thirtythird Judicial District of Texas by providing that said court shall hold three terms of two weeks each in Gillespie county, and by providing that the two terms of said court to be held in Burnet county may continue in session for three weeks each, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and creating an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-115.

Abney. Davis. Amsler. DeBerry. Arnold. Dielmann. Atkinson. Dinkle. Avis. Dodd. Baker of Milam. Downs. Baldwin. Dunn. Barker. Durham. Barrett. Edwards. Beasley. Faubion. Fields. Bell. Finlay. Bird. Bobbitt. Frnka. Bonham. Fugler. Brady. Gipson. Bryant. Green. Burmeister. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Cable. Harrington. Carpenter of Matagorda. Henderson Carson. of Marion. Chitwood. Henderson of McLennan. Coffee. Cowen. Houston. Crawford. Howeth. Hughes. Culp.

Price. Jacks. Quaid. Jennings. Quinn. Johnson. Robinson. Jones. Kemble. Rogers. Lackey. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Laird. Lamb. Sackett. Lane. Sanford. Le Master. Satterwhite. LeStourgeon. Shearer. Lewis. Shires. Loftin. Simpson. Looney. Sparkman. McBride. Stell. McDaniel. Stewart McDonald. of Edwards. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. McNatt. Martin. Mathes. Storey. Maxwell. Stroder. Sweet. Thompson. Melson. Merriman. Merritt. Thrasher. Turner. Moore. Morgan Vaughan. Westbrook. of Liberty. Patman. Wessels. Patterson. Williamson. Perdue. Wilmans. Pinkston. Wilson. Pool. Winfree. Pope. Young. Potter.

Present—Not Voting.

Rice.

Absent.

Blount. Irwin. Carpenter McFarlane. of Dallas. McKean. Carter of Coke. Montgomery. Covey. Pate. Davenport. Purl. Rountree. Driggers. Duffey. Smith. Dunlap. Stevens. Hardin Teer. of Kaufman. Wallace. Harris. Wells. Hendricks.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange. Morgan of Robertson. Carter of Hays. Collins. Russell Hull. of Callahan. Lusk. Stiernberg. Miller. Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 476 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 476, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 30 of the

General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, which chapter relates to the jurisdiction of the county court of Edwards county, and which vested in the county court of said county civil and criminal jurisdiction as provided by general law for county courts; and reviving any and all laws which stand repealed by reason of said Chapter 30, General Laws, Regular Sessian Thirty-seventh Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—104.

Abney. Johnson. ${f Amsler.}$ Jones. Arnold. Kemble. ${f Atkinson.}$ Lackey. Avis. Laird. Baker of Milam. Lamb. Baldwin. Lane. Barker. LeStourgeon. Beasley. Lewis. Bell. McBride. Bird. McDaniel. Bobbitt. McDonald. Bonham. McFarlane. Brady. McNatt. Bryant. Mathes. Burmeister. Maxwell. Cable. Melson. Carpenter Merriman. of Matagorda. Merritt. Carson. Moore. Chitwood. Morgan Coffee. of Liberty. Cowen. Patman. Crawford. Perdue. Culp. Pinkston. Davis. Pool. DeBerry. Pope. Dielmann. Potter. Dinkle. Price. Dodd. Quaid. Downs. Quinn. Driggers. Robinson. Duffey. Rogers. Dunn. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Dürham. Finlay. Sackett. Frnka. Sanford. Fugler. Satterwhite. Green. Shearer. Greer. Simpson. Harrington. Sparkman. Henderson Stewart of Marion. of Edwards. Henderson Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. of McLennan. Houston. Storey. Howeth. Stroder. Hughes. Sweet.

Thompson.

Jacks.

Thrasher. Williamson.
Turner. Wilmans.
Vaughan. Wilson.
Wells. Winfree.
Westbrook. Young.

Nays-4.

Fields. Looney. Martin. Wessels.

Present-Not Voting.

Rice.

Stell.

Absent.

Barrett. Irwin. Blount. Jennings. Carpenter of Dallas. LeMaster. Loftin. Carter of Coke. McKean. Covey. Montgomery. Pate. Davenport. Patterson. Dunlap. Edwards. Purl. Faubion. Rountree. Gipson. Shires. Hardin of Erath. $\mathbf{Smith.}$ Hardin Stevens. of Kaufman. Teer. Wallace. Harris. Hendricks.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 494 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 494, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Fayette county; providing for a systematic method of road maintenance in harmony with the Davidson-Perkins Patrol Act; adapting the patrol system to the special wants of the county; providing for a budget system for the road and bridge funds of the county; authorizing and directing the commissioners court to employ a practical road superintendent when in their judgment his services are necessary, and in the absence of such road superintendent making the commissioners such ex-officio road superintendent of his respective commissioners' precinct; prescribing the duties and liabilities of all persons subject to road duty; fixing penalties for

the violation or neglect of such duty so imposed; providing that the act shall be cumulative to existing laws where not in conflict therewith; providing for power and procedure for the protection of roads and highways against unusually heavy traffic, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Wessels offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 494 by correcting section numbers on engrossed bill.

The amendment was adopted. House bill No. 494 was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas-104.

Johnson. Abney. Amsler. Jones. Kemble. Arnold. Atkinson. Lackey. Avis. Laird. Baker of Milam. Lamb. Baldwin. Lane. Le Master. Barrett. Beasley. LeStourgeon. Looney. Bell. Bird. McBride. Bobbitt. McDaniel. Bonham. McFarlane. Martin. Brady. Bryant. Mathes. Maxwell. Cable. Melson. Carpenter of Matagorda. Merriman. Chitwood. Merritt. Coffee. Miller. Cowen. Moore. Crawford. Morgan Davis. of Liberty. DeBerry. Patman. Dielmann. Perdue. Dinkle. Pinkston. Dodd. Pool. Pope. Driggers. Duffey. Potter. Dunn. Price. Edwards. Purl. Faubion. Quaid. Fields. Quinn. Finlay. Rice. Frnka. Robinson. Fugler. Rogers. Rowland. Gipson. Green. Sackett. Greer. Sanford. Hardin of Erath. Satterwhite. Harrington. Shearer. Henderson Simpson. of Marion. Sparkman. Howeth. Stell. Hughes. Stewart of Edwards. Jacks. Jennings. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Wells.
Stroder. Westbrook.
Sweet. Wessels.
Thompson. Wilmans.
Thrasher. Wilson.
Turner. Winfree.
Vaughan. Young.

Nays-2.

Downs.

Storey.

Present-Not Voting.

McNatt.

Absent.

Barker. Houston. Blount. Irwin. Burmeister. Lewis. Carson. Loftin. Carpenter McDonald. of Dallas. McKean. Carter of Coke. Montgomery. Covey. Pate. Culp. Patterson. Davenport. Rountree. Dunlap. Russell of Trinity. Durham. Shires. Hardin Smith. of Kaufman. Stevens. Harris. Teer. Henderson Wallace. of McLennan. Williamson.

Hendricks.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 499 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 499, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe a closed season on quails and doves in Grayson and Collin counties; providing penalties for violation of same; providing that road runners or chapperals may be killed at any time, and providing that if any section or part of section of this act be declared unconstitutional, the remainder of such act shall remain in full force and effect, and providing adequate fees for the securing of convictions; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and de-

claring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Barker offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 499, Section 1, line 2, after the word "years," by inserting the following: "from and after the passage of this act."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 499 was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas-103.

Abney. Lamb. Lane. Amsler. Arnold. LeStourgeon. Atkinson. Lewis. Looney. Avis. Baldwin. McBride. McDaniel. Barker. McDonald. Barrett. Beasley. McFarlane. McNatt. Bell. Bird. Martin. Bobbitt. Mathes. Bonham. Maxwell. Melson. Brady. Merritt. Bryant. Burmeister. Moore. Morgan Cable. Carpenter of Liberty. of Matagorda. Patman. Carson. Patterson. Carter of Coke. Perdue. Chitwood. Pinkston. Pool. Coffee. Pope. Cowen. Crawford. Price. Purl. Davis. DeBerry. Quaid. Dielmann. Rice. Dinkle. Robinson. Dodd. Rogers. Downs. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Duffey. Dunn. Sackett. Durham. Sanford. Edwards. Satterwhite. Fields. Shearer. Frnka. Smith. Sparkman. Fugler. Green. Stell. Stewart of Jasper. Greer. Harrington. Storey. Henderson Stroder. of Marion. Sweet. Henderson Thompson. of McLennan. Thrasher. Houston. Turner. Howeth. Vaughan. Hughes. Wessels. Williamson. Jacks. Wilmans. Jennings. Johnson. Wilson. Jones. Winfree. Kemble. Young. Laird.

Nays-5.

Finlay. Lackey.

Stewart of Edwards.

Wells. Westbrook.

Present-Not Voting.

Simpson.

Absent.

Baker of Milam. Irwin. Blount. LeMaster. Loftin. Carpenter of Dallas. McKean. Covey. Merriman. Culp. Montgomery. Davenport. Pate. Driggers. Potter. Dunlap. Quinn. Faubion. Rountree. Gipson. Shires. Hardin of Erath. Stevens. Hardin Stewart of Reeves. of Kaufman. Teer. Harris. Wallace. Hendricks.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Miller.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 504 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 504, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Southland Independent School District in the counties of Garza, Lynn and Lubbock, in the State of Texas; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, term of office, qualifications, powers, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes, and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Southland Independent School District shall assume and discharge its pro rata part of any and all bonds, indebtedness and interest thereon now in force against the Slaton Independent School District on terms named in this act; providing that said Southland Independent School District shall assume and discharge all bonds and indebtedness existing against any common school district whose lands are included within the boundaries of the district hereby created; validating and continuing in

force any and all taxes heretofore voted and now in force in any of the territory included within the boundaries of Southland Independent School District as created by this act; providing that title to any and all property belonging to said district shall vest in the trustees of the independent school district hereby created; providing for filling vacancies on the board of trustees; providing for a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; providing that invalidation by the courts of any section or provision of this act shall not invalidate any remaining provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-109.

Abney. Harrington. Amsler. Henderson Arnold. of Marion. Henderson Atkinson. Avis. of McLennan. Baldwin. Houston. Barker. Howeth. Barrett. Hughes. Beasley. Irwin. Bell. Jacks. Bird. Jones. Bobbitt. Kemble. Bonham. Lackey. Bryant. Laird. Burmeister. Lamb. Cable. Lane. Carpenter Le Master. of Matagorda. LeStourgeon. Carter of Coke. Lewis. Chitwood. Looney. Coffee. McBride. Cowen. McDaniel. Crawford. McDonald. Davis. McNatt. DeBerry. Martin. Dielmann. Mathes. Maxwell. Dinkle. Dodd. Melson. Duffey. Merriman. Dunn. Merritt. Durham. Moore. Edwards. Morgan Faubion. of Liberty. Fields. Patman. Finlay. Patterson. Frnka. Perdue. Fugler. Pinkston. Pope. Gipson. Green. Price. Purl. Greer. Hardin of Erath. Quaid.

Storey. Quinn. Rice. Stroder. Robinson. Sweet. Rogers. Thompson. Rowland. Thrasher. Russell of Trinity. Turner. Sackett. Vaughan. Sanford. Wells. Westbrook. Satterwhite. Shearer. Wessels. Williamson. Shires. Simpson. Wilmans. Stewart Wilson. of Edwards. Winfree. Stewart of Jasper. Young. Stewart of Reeves.

Absent.

Baker of Milam. Jennings. Blount. Johnson. Brady. Loftin. Carpenter McFarlane. of Dallas. McKean. Carson. Montgomery. Covey. Pate. Pool. Culp. Davenport. Potter. Rountree. Downs. Smith. Driggers. Sparkman. Dunlap. Hardin Stell. Stevens. of Kaufman. Teer. Harris. Hendricks. Wallace.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 505 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 505, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Special Road Law for Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and known as Chapter 70, Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, by providing that delinquent poll tax payers of Smith county shall be subject to road duty; prescribing penalties for failure to work the roads; providing for the payment of a sum of money in lieu of such road duty; providing how the law is to be enforced, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Simpson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 505 by striking out all above the enacting clause and

inserting the following:
H. B. No. 505, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the Special Road Law for Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and known as Chapter 70, Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, by providing that all persons in Smith county subject to road duty under the general laws of this State shall be required to work upon the public roads of said county; that all delinquent poll tax payers of Smith county shall be subject to road duty; prescribing penalties for failure to work the roads; providing for the payment of a sum of money in lieu of such road duty; providing how the law is to be enforced, and declaring an emergency."

The amendment was adopted. House bill No. 505 was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas-110.

Abney. Harrington. Arnold. Henderson Atkinson. of Marion. Avis. Henderson Baldwin. of McLennan. Barker. Houston. Barrett. Howeth. Beasley. Hughes. Bell. Irwin, Bird. Jacks. Bonham. Jennings. Brady. Johnson. Bryant. Jones. Burmeister. Kemble. Cable. Lackey. Carson. Laird. Chitwood. Lamb. Collins. Lane. Cowen. LeMaster. Culp. LeStourgeon. Davis. Lewis. DeBerry. Looney Dielmann. McBride. Dinkle. McDaniel. Dodd. McFarlane. Downs. McNatt. Duffey. Martin. Dunn. Mathes. Durham. Maxwell. Edwards. Melson. Faubion. Merriman. Fields. Merritt. Finlay. Moore. Frnks. Morgan Fugler. of Liberty. Gipson. Patman. Green. Patterson. Greer. Perdue. Hardin of Erath. Pinkston.

Pope. Stewart Price. of Edwards. Purl. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Quaid. Rice. Stroder. Sweet. Thompson. Robinson. Rogers. Thrasher. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Turner. Sackett. Vaughan. Sanford. Wallace. Satterwhite. Westbrook. Shearer. Wessels. Williamson. Shires. Simpson. Wilmans. Wilson. Smith. Sparkman. Winfree. Young. Stell.

Absent.

Amsler. Hardin Baker of Milam. of Kaufman. Blount. Hendricks. Loftin. Bobbitt. McDonald. Carpenter of Dallas. McKean. Carpenter Montgomery. of Matagorda. Pate. Carter of Coke. Pool. Potter. Coffee. Covey. Quinn. Rountree. Crawford. Davenport. Stevens. Driggers. Storey. Dunlap. Teer. Harris. Wells.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange. Morgan Carter of Hays. of Robertson. Hull. Russell of Callahan. Lusk. Stiernberg. Miller. Strickland.

BILL ORDERED PRINTED IN THE JOURNAL.

On motion of Mr. McFarlane House bill No. 503 was ordered printed in the Journal and not printed otherwise.

HOUSE BILL NO. 507 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 507, A bill to be entitled

"An Act creating the Simmons Inde-pendent School District in Live Oak county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees; vesting title to all school property within said school district in the trustees and their successors; charging said district

with all indebtedness and the performance of all contracts of the school included within the district; providing that the board of trustees heretofore elected and now serving the Simmons Common School District No. 2, as now existing, shall continue in office for the district hereby created until the expiration of their term and their successors shall have been elected and qualified; authorizing the trustees to exercise all the rights and powers conferred by general laws upon trustees of independent school districts created for school purposes only under the general laws; validating and continuing in force the local maintenance taxes heretofore voted by the voters in the territory included within the district hereby created, by a uniform tax upon the whole district, increase or diminish the same, or until they abolish such taxes in accordance with the general statutes; providing that if any part of this act is held ineffective or unconstitutional, the remaining part of this act shall not be invalidated; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,'

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-108.

Abney. Durham. Amsler. Edwards. Atkinson. Faubion. Avis. Fields. Baldwin. Finlay. Barker. Frnka. Barrett. Fugler. Beasley. Gipson. Bell. Green. Bird. Greer. Bonham. Hardin of Erath. Brady. Harrington. Bryant. Henderson Burmeister. of Marion. Cable. Henderson Carpenter of McLennan. Houston. of Dallas. Carson. Howeth. Carter of Coke. Hughes. Chitwood. Irwin. Coffee. Jacks. Cowen. Jennings. Crawford. Johnson. Davis. Jones. DeBerry. Kemble. Dielmann. Laird. Dinkle. Lamb. Dodd. Lane. Downs. LeMaster. Duffey. LeStourgeon. Dunn. Lewis.

Russell of Trinity. Looney. Sackett. McBride. McDaniel. Sanford. McFarlane. Satterwhite. Martin. Shearer. Mathes. Shires. Maxwell. Simpson. Melson. Smith. Sparkman. Merriman. Merritt. Stell. Stewart Moore. of Edwards. Morgan of Liberty. Stewart of Jasper. Patman. Stewart of Reeves. Patterson. Storey. Stroder. Perdue. Pinkston. Sweet. Pool. Thompson. Thrasher. Pope. Price. Vaughan. Wessels. Purl. Williamson. Quaid. Quinn. Wilmans. Rice. Wilson. Robinson. Winfree. Rowland. Young.

Absent.

Arnold. Loftin. Baker of Milam. McDonald. Blount. McKean. Bobbitt. McNatt. Carpenter Montgomery. of Matagorda. Pate. Covey. Potter. Culp. Rogers. Davenport. Rountree. Driggers. Stevens. Dunlap. Teer. Turner. Hardin of Kaufman. Wallace. Harris. Wells. Westbrook. Hendricks. Lackey.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 508 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 508, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of an act creating the Poteet Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 23 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, Regular Session; providing for the management and

control of the public free schools within said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—110

Abney. Lamb. Amsler. Lane. LeMaster. Arnold. Atkinson. LeStourgeon. Avis. Lewis. Baker of Milam. Looney. Baldwin. McBride. Barker. McDaniel. Barrett. McFarlane. Beasley. McNatt. Bell. Martin. Bird. Mathes. Bobbitt. Maxwell. Bonham. Melson. Brady. Merriman. Bryant. Merritt. Burmeister. Moore. Morgan Cable. Carpenter of Liberty. of Dallas. Patterson. Carson. Perdue. Carter of Coke. Pinkston. Chitwood. Pool. Crawford. Pope. Davis. Price. DeBerry, Purl. Dielmann. Quaid. Dinkle. Quinn. Dødd. Rice. Downs. Robinson. Duffey. Rogers. Dunn. Rowland. Durham. Russell of Trinity. Faubion. Sackett. Fields. Sanford. Finlay. Satterwhite. Frnka. Shires. Fugler. Simpson. Green. Smith. Greer. Sparkman. Hardin of Erath. Stell. Harrington. Stewart of Jasper. Henderson Stewart of Marion. of Edwards. Henderson Stewart of Reeves. of McLennan. Storey. Houston. Stroder. Howeth. Sweet. Hughes. Thompson. Hull. Thrasher. Irwin. Vaughan. Jacks. Westbrook. Jennings. Wessels. Johnson. Williamson. Jones. Wilmans. Kemble. Wilson. Lackey. Winfree. Laird. Young.

Absent.

Blount. Hendricks. Carpenter Loftin. of Matagorda. McDonald. Coffee. McKean. Covey. Montgomery. Cowen. Pate. Culp. Patman. Potter. Davenport. Driggers. Rountree. Dunlap. Shearer. Edwards. Stevens. Gipson. Teer. Hardin Turner. of Kaufman. Wallace. Harris. Wells.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Lusk.
Miller.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 509 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 509, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Levelland Independent School District, in Hockley county, Texas; defining the boundaries thereof; providing for board of trustees, their election, terms of office, qualifications, powers, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes, and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Levelland Independent School District shall assume and discharge its pro rata part of the bonds and interest thereon now in force against the Ropes Independent School District on terms named in this act as well as its pro rata part of other indebtedness; continuing valid and binding obligations of said Ropes Independent School District; validating and continuing in force any and all taxes heretofore voted and now in force in any of the territory included within the boundaries of Levelland Independent School District as created by this act; providing that title to any and all property belonging to said district shall vest in the trustees of the independent school district hereby created; providing for filling vacancies on the board of trustees; providing for

a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith: providing that invalidation by the courts of any section or provision of this act shall not invalidate any remaining provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-105.

Abney. Lamb. Atkinson. Lane. Le Master. Avis. Baker of Milam. LeStourgeon. Baldwin. Lewis. Barker. Looney. McBride. Beasley. Bell. McDaniel. Bird. McFarlane. McNatt. Bonham. Brady. Martin. Bryant. Mathes. Burmeister. Maxwell. Cable. Merritt. Carpenter Moore. of Dallas. Morgan Carter of Coke. of Liberty. Patterson. Chitwood. Cowen. Perdue. Crawford. Pinkston. Pope. Davis. DeBerry. Potter. Price. Dielmann. Dinkle. Purl. Dodd. Quaid. Quinn. Rice. Downs. Driggers. Dunn. Robinson. Durham. Rowland. Edwards. Russell of Trinity. Faubion. Sackett. Fields. Sanford. Finlay. Satterwhite. Fugler. Shearer. Gipson. Shires. Green. Simpson. Greer. Smith. Hardin of Erath. Sparkman. Harrington. Stell. Stewart Henderson of Marion. of Edwards. Henderson Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. of McLennan. Houston. Storey. Howeth. Stroder. Hughes. Sweet. Thompson. Irwin. Thrasher. Jacks. Jones. Turner. Kemble. Vaughan. Lackey. Wallace.

Westbrook.

Laird.

Wessels. Wilson. Winfree. Wilmans. Young.

Absent.

Hendricks. Amsler. Arnold. Jennings. Barrett. Johnson. Blount. Loftin. Bobbitt. McDonald. Carpenter McKean. of Matagorda. Melson. Carson. Merriman. Coffee. Montgomery. Covey. Pate. Culp. Patman. Pool. Davenport. Duffey. Rogers. Dunlap. Rountree. Frnka. Stevens. Teer. Hardin of Kaufman. Wells. Harris.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 514 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 514, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 39 of Chapter 42, General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, relative to public roads and highways, so as to except and exempt from the provisions of said chapter the county of Cherokee, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time. On motion of Mr. Lane, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 518 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 518, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Brackett Independent School District in Kinney county, Texas; defining its boundaries, including the Brackett Independent School District; providing for a board of trustees in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and im-

posed by the general laws upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; providing that the present board of trustees shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms and validating their elections; providing that outstanding bonds shall remain chargeable against the territory which voted same; providing for an election for the purpose of assuming said bonded indebtedness by the district as herein created; providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector and board of equalization for said district; repealing laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-105.

Abney. Henderson · Amsler. of Marion. Arnold. Henderson of McLennan. Atkinson. Houston. Avis. Howeth. Baker of Milam. Baldwin. Hughes. Barker. Irwin. Barrett. Jacks. Beasley. Jones. Bell. Lackey. Bird. Laird. Bobbitt. Lamb. Bonham. Lane. Brady. LeMaster. Burmeister. Lewis. Cable. Looney. Carpenter McBride. of Dallas. McDaniel. Carson. McFarlane. Carter of Coke. McNatt. Chitwood. Martin. Collins. Mathes. Crawford. Maxwell. Davis. Melson. DeBerry. Merriman. Dielmann. Merritt. Dinkle. Moore. Dodd. Morgan Downs. of Liberty. Driggers. Patterson. Dunn. Perdue. Pinkston. Durham. Edwards. Pope. Potter. Faubion. Fields. Price. Finlay. Purl. Frnka. Quinn. Fugler. Rice. Green. Robinson. Greer. Rowland. Hardin of Erath. Russell of Trinity. Harrington. Sackett.

Sanford. Stroder. Satterwhite. Sweet. Shires. Thompson. Simpson. Thrasher. Smith. Vaughan. Sparkman. Westbrook. Wessels. Stell. Stewart Williamson. of Edwards. Wilmans. Stewart of Jasper. Wilson. Stewart of Reeves. Winfree. Storev. Young.

Absent.

Blount. Kemble. Bryant. LeStourgeon. Carpenter Loftin. of Matagorda. McDonald. Coffee. McKean. Covey. Montgomery. Cowen. Pate. Culp. Patman. Davenport. Pool. Duffey. Quaid. Dunlap. Rogers. Gipson. Rountree. Hardin Shearer. of Kaufman. Stevens. Harris. Теет. Hendricks. Turner. Jennings. Wallace. Wells. Johnson.

Absent-Excused.

Baker of Orange. Morgan Carter of Hays. of Robertson. Hull. Russell Lusk. of Callahan. Miller. Stiernberg. Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 519 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 519, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating Consolidated Common School District No. 1 of Castro county, Texas, and validating an issue of bonds heretofore voted by said district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was

passed by the following vote:

Yeas-101.

Bird. Abney. Amsler. Brady. Arnold. Bryant. Atkinson. Burmeister. Avis. Cable. Baker of Milam. Carpenter of Dallas. Baldwin. Beasley. Carson. Bell. Carter of Coke.

Chitwood. Moore. Crawford. Morgan of Liberty. Davis. DeBerry. Perdue. Pinkston. Dielmann. Dinkle. Pope. Potter. Dodd. Price. Downs. Purl. Driggers. Dunn. Quaid. Faubion. Quinn. Finlay. Řice. Frnka. Robinson. Rogers. Fugler. Gipson. Rowland. Russell of Trinity. Green. Greer. Sackett. Hardin of Erath. Sanford. Harrington. Satterwhite. Henderson Shearer. of Marion. Simpson. Henderson Smith. Sparkman. of McLennan. Houston. Stell. Howeth. Stewart of Edwards. Hughes. Jacks. Stewart of Jasper. Stewart of Reeves. Jennings. Jones. Storey. Kemble. Stroder. Lackey. Sweet. Thompson. Laird. Lamb. Thrasher. Lane. Turner. LeMaster. Vaughan. LeStourgeon. Wallace. Wells. Looney. McBride. Westbrook. McDaniel. Wessels. Martin. Williamson. Mathes. Wilmans. Maxwell. Wilson. Merriman. Winfree.

Absent.

Young.

Merritt.

Barker. Hendricks. Barrett. Irwin. Blount. Johnson. Bobbitt. Lewis. Bonham. Loftin. Coffee. McDonald. Carpenter McFarlane. McKean. of Matagorda. Covey. McNatt. Cowen. Melson. Culp. Montgomery. Davenport. Pate. Duffey. Patman. Dunlap. Patterson. Durham. Pool. Edwards. Rountree. Fields. Shires. Hardin Stevens. of Kaufman. Teer. Harris.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Orange.
Carter of Hays.
Collins.
Hull.
Lusk.
Miller.
Morgan
of Robertson.
Russell
of Callahan.
Stiernberg.
Strickland.

HOUSE BILL NO. 528 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 528, A bill to be entitled "An Act taking certain territory from Common School District No. 16 of Baylor county and annexing the same to and making it part of Common School District No. 14 of Baylor county, and taking the remainder of the territory of said Common School District No. 16 and annexing the same unto Megargel Independent School District of Archer county, and creating the said Megargel Independent School District into a county line independent school district; conferring upon the same the powers now enjoyed by said Megargel Independent School District, and in addition thereto all of the powers which may be enjoyed or exercised by a county line independent school district; and providing for an election to adjust the territory thus attached to said common school district, and the territory thus attached to said independent school district, as to taxes which may be now levied upon said common school district and upon the property of said inde-pendent school district, and for an as-sumption by the said common school district and by said independent school district, respectively, of the pro rata taxes payable by said added territory on account of any outstanding bond issues which may exist against said common school district and against said independent school district, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Martin, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 4:30 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

SENATE BILL NO. 298 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 298, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating, establishing, and incorporating Carlson Common School Dis-

trict No. 16 in Hidalgo county, Texas, containing a portion of the territory in Hidalgo county, Texas, heretofore embraced in Panchita Common School District No. 2; describing the metes and bounds thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 491 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 491, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing the Spanish Fort Independent School District in Montague county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees in said district; continuing in office the board of trustees as heretofore elected in said district until the expiration of their respective terms of office; vesting title in said board of trustees to all school property in said district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of Texas upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; providing for a seal, and for the selection of a secretary, treasurer and assessor and collector of taxes; for a board of equalization, and prescribing its duties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 510 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 510, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase and fix the salary of the superintendent of public instruction of Dallas county, Texas; providing for office expenses; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

Mr. Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment and asked to have the motion to reconsider spread on the Journal.

HOUSE BILL NO. 539 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 539, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Hockley county, and the unorganized county of Cochran, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 540 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 540, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of the judge of the county court of Dallas County at Law No. 1, and of the judge of the county court of Dallas County at Law No. 2, and prescribe the method of payment."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 546 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 546, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate Simmons Common School District No. 7 in Grayson county, Texas, as re-defined and re-established by order of the county school trustees of Grayson county, Texas, on February 12, 1923, and Common County Line School District No. 8 as re-defined and re-established by an order of the county school trustees of Grayson county, Texas, on February 12, 1923, and by an order of the county school trustees of Collin county, Texas, on February 13, 1923."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 549 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 549, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Thrall Independent School District in the county of Williamson, State of Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of

trustees to control and manage the schools of the said district; divesting Common School District No. 21 of Williamson county, Texas, of the control of the free schools of the said district and of the title, management and control of all property held, owned and controlled for public free school purposes therein, and vesting the same in the said Thrall Independent School District and in the board of trustees thereof; providing for the assessing and collecting of taxes; providing for the issuing of bonds; providing for the election of a treasurer for the said school district; providing for the election of an assessor and collector for said school district; providing for the erection of buildings, and equipping same for school purposes, and assuming the payment of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of Common School District No. 21 of Williamson county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 551 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 551, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 2, of Chapter 72, of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature at its Regular Session, said act being an act creating the Tynan Independent School District in Bee county, San Patricio and Live Oak counties, Texas; said act being amended by changing boundaries of said district set out in Section 2 thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 557 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 557, A bill to be entitled to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Midway Independent School District shall assume and discharge any and all instreets; to, by ordinance, make provision for settlement and adjustment of property rights with owners of property adjacent to and affected by said changes; and validating all ordinances

by said city heretofore passed in connection therewith."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 559 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 559, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Austwell Independent School District in Refugio county, Texas, including the present Common School District No. 9 of said county, providing a board of trustees therefor, vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the present Common School District No. 9 shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected as provided herein; providing for the assumption of any outstanding in-debtedness created by the Common School District No. 9, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 560 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 560, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating Midway Independent School District in Lynn county, Texas, out of territory now comprising Common School District No. 9 of Lynn county as heretofore created by the county board of school trustees of said county; defining boundary thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, terms of office, qualification, powers, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes, and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Midway Independent School District shall assume and discharge any and all indebtedness constituting valid and binding obligations of said Common School District No. 9 of Lynn county; vali-

force in such common school district; providing that title to any and all property of said common school district shall vest in the trustees of independent school district hereby created; providing for filling vacancies on the board of trustees; providing for a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; providing that invalidation by the courts of any section or provision of this act shall not invalidate any remaining provision thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 561 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House. on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 561, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating Joe Stokes Independent School District in Lynn county, Texas, out of territory now comprising Common School District No. 17 of Lynn county as heretofore created by the county board of school trustees of said county; defining boundary thereof; providing for a board of trustees, their election, terms of office, qualification, powers, duties and authority; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect taxes for maintenance and building purposes and to issue bonds; providing for an assessor and collector of taxes and a board of equalization; providing that said Joe Stokes Independent School District shall assume and discharge any and all indebtedness constituting valid and binding obligations of said Common School District No. 17 of Lynn county; validating and continuing in force any and all taxes heretofore voted and now in force in such common school district; providing that title to any and all property of said common school district shall vest in the trustees of independent school district hereby created; providing for filling vacancies on the board of trustees; providing for a seal for said district; providing that the board of trustees shall be governed by the general laws of Texas in all matters where this act is silent; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; providing that invalidation by the courts of any section or provision of this act shall | provided further, that in all future

not invalidate any remaining provision thereof, and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 563 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 563, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section I of an act entitled 'An Act creating the Pflugerville Independent School District in Travis and Williamson counties, Texas; consolidating into said independent school district the territory included in the present Pflugerville Independent School District, Common School District No. 56, Common School District No. 12, Williamson and Travis County Line School District No. 14, and Common School District No. 15; defining its boundaries; vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general law; providing for a board of trustees therefor; making provision for taxation for school purposes in said district, and declaring an emergency,' being House bill No. 606, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and amended by House bill No. 51, passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirtysixth Legislature, changing and correcting the boundary lines of said school district and validating and confirming the election of school trustees for said district, and declaring an emergency; providing for the election of trustees in said school district and validating and confirming the election of school trustees for said school district."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Thrasher offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 563 by striking out Section 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. The election of trustees for said school district at an election held on the second day of June, 1919, and at all elections since that date are hereby validated and confirmed, and the persons elected as trustees for said district at the last election or those appointed since that date are hereby declared to be the legal trustees for said district to serve until the next general election or until their terms expire;

elections the trusteeship shall be apportioned over the district as follows: One trustee from Rowe, one from Center Point, one from Dessau, one from Highland and three from Pflugerville.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 563 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 502 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 502, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of Hudspeth and Culberson counties. Texas, to make contracts not in excess of seventy-five dollars per month for services to be performed by the district attorney of the Thirty-fourth Judicial District of Texas."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 570 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 570, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing and enlarging the boundaries of the Elmo Independent School District in Kaufman county and providing for an election to adjust the territory thus added to taxes which may be now levied upon the property of said Elmo Independent School District and for an assumption by said Elmo Independent School District of the pro rata of taxes to which the territory thus added to said Elmo Independent School District by this act may be subject by reason or any outstanding bond issue or bond issues previously voted by any school district or school districts of which such added territory may have heretofore formed part; defining the powers of said Elmo Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 576 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 576, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 52 of the Special and Local Laws passed by the was passed to engrossment.

Thirty-seventh Legislature at its First Called Session by adding thereto Section 3a, providing for the assumption and refunding by the Cooper Independent School District of all or any part of the indebtedness, bonded or otherwise, of the city of Cooper, Texas, created for school purposes, and declaring an emergency.'

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 578 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to en-

grossment,

H. B. No. 578, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act passed by the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, known as House bill No. 470, and approved April 4, 1907, entitled 'An Act creating an indpendent school district to be known as the Coleman Independent School District, including within its limits the municipal corporation of the town of Coleman, and to provide for the creation of a board of trustees thereof, and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers and authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites, and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to pay current expenses in the maintenance and support of said schools. and further prescribing the duties and authorities of said board,' so as to hereafter read as follows, and extending and defining its boundaries and including within its limits the municipal corporation of the city of Coleman, and to provide for the creating of a board of trustees thereof and authorize the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes and provide authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to levy a tax therefor and to pay all current expenses for the maintenance and support of said school; declaring valid all issues of bonds heretofore made; declaring valid maintenance tax heretofore voted and repealing all laws in conflict herewith in so far as they conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

HOUSE BILL NO. 582 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to en-

grossment.

H. B. No. 582, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Fairview Independent School District in Wichita county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees for said independent school district; describing their qualifications and terms of office; defining the rights, powers and privileges of said board, and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of the State of Texas upon independent school districts and the boards of trustees thereof; providing for the creation of a board of trustees; providing for the raising of revenues; declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and providing for the assessment and collection of said tax and for a board of equalization of said school district, and providing for the election of trustees thereof; providing for the transportation of pupils under certain conditions, and repealing all laws in so far as they may be in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 585 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 585, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section I, Chapter 6, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, so as to change the time and terms of holding the district court in the Seventy-eighth Judicial District of Texas, composed of Wichita county; to validate all process heretofore issued, bonds and recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district, and all judgments therein rendered or to be rendered; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 600 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 600, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 18, of the Local and Special Laws, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, and the same being an act to create the Tulia Independent School District in Swisher county, Texas, adding thereto Section 6a, validating bond elections heretofore held and bonds issued thereunder, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 606 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 606, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-eighth and Sixty-third Judicial Districts of the State of Texas; and to prescribe the time, and fix the terms of holding the courts in each of said judicial districts, and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes, and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of the courts in the several districts as herein fixed and to validate process, and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors and juries; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 607 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment,

H. B. No. 607, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 74, Special Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, as amended by Chapter 96, Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and as further amended by Chapter 89, Special Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, relating to the road system of Leon county, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 608 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 608, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Carta Valley Independent School District in Edwards and Val Verde counties, Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor, vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers. privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the existing school in said district shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected in accordance with the general laws of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 609 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment.

H. B. No. 609, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 22, Acts of the Thirtieth Legislature, Regular Session, re-defining the boundaries of the San Saba Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 610 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

engrossment.

H. B. No. 610, A bill to be entitled "An Art to amend Section 1 of Chapter 3, Local and Special Laws, Third Called Session, Thirty-sixth Legislature, amending and revising the metes and bounds of the Moran Independent School District in Shackelford and Callahan counties, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 449 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 449, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act of the Thirtyfirst Legislature, First Called Session, Chapter 5, Special Laws, entitled 'An

trict to be known as the Goliad Independent School District, including within its limits the unincorporated town of Goliad in Goliad county, and to provide for a board of trustees and other officers of such district; authorize the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and to issue and dispose of bonds of such district for the purpose of purchasing school sites, and erecting, repairing, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to pay current expenses in the maintenance and support of the public schools therein, and to further prescribe the duties and authority of said board of trustees, and declaring an emergency,' and by this amended act to provide for the assumption by the Goliad Independent School District, as hereby created, of all outindebtedness now standing existing against same, and to provide for the payment of the outstanding indebtedness against Common School District No. 2, Goliad county, and declaring an emergency; said act to be so amended as to hereafter read as follows."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 553 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 553, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 52 of Article 30, Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, changing the time of holding the terms of the district court of the Fifty-second Judicial District of Texas, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 564 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 564, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Sections 6 and 6a of Chapter 8, being House bill No. 45, passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, and entitled 'An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Act creating an independent school dis- Legislature, being an act to reorganize

the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, etc.,' and providing for the changing and fixing the time of holding the courts in the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of Texas, and validating and continuing all processes and writs, bonds, recognizances and jurors heretofore selected, etc., returnable to the terms of court as they now exist, and continuing in session any court in said district now in session until adjourned by the judge thereof, and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Greer gave notice that he would on tomorrow call up, for consideration at that time, House bill No. 97.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 21, 1923. Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has concurred in House amendments to Senate bill No. 74,

And concurred in House amendments to Senate bill No. 229 by the following vote: 27 yeas and 0 nays.

Has passed

S. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 656 and 657 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, 1911, in regard to special venires in capital cases.

S. B. No. 210, A bill to be extitled "An Act to amend subdivision 8 of Article 1140 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to hereafter provide that any corporation formed under subdivisions 1, 2 and 3, Article 1121, of said Revised Statutes may increase the number of its directors or trustees to not more than 75 instead of not more than 25, as now provided by said subdivision 8 of said Article 1140, and to repeal all laws, or parts of laws, in conflict herewith."

S. B. No. 291, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7381 of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, providing for the payment of a gross receipts tax by all persons, companies, corporations and associations of persons engaged in publishing, printing or selling text books in the schools of this State, or law 2, 1913; defining, regulating and conbooks, or owning, controlling or managitrolling fraternal benefit societies, so

ing any such business as text books or law book purchasers so as to exempt any corporation organized by the students and faculty of any State supported institution of learning without capital stock and which pays no dividends and is organized for the purpose of supplying books and other school supplies to the students of such institution and whose assets on the dissolution of the corporation passes to the governing board of the institution as a trust fund to be used for the benefit of the institution, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully, RICHARD BLALOCK, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Kemble, House bill No. 540 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Mathes, House bill No. 600 was ordered not printed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 92, "An Act to prescribe the district courts in the counties comprising the Seventy-ninth Judicial District of Texas; and to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes and to make all process issued or served before this act takes effect, including recognizances and bonds, returnable to the terms of courts in such districts as herein fixed, and to validate the summoning of grand and petit jurors therein; to repeal Section 2 of Chapter 48 of the Laws of the Thirtyfourth Legislature, passed and approved March 12, 1915, relating to the time of holding district courts in said district, and repealing Chapter 8 of the Laws of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, passed and approved February 2, 1921, relating to the time of holding courts in said district, and repealing Chapter 5 of the General Laws passed by the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, approved August 14, 1921, and repealing all laws in conflict with this

act, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 74, "An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 113 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April: as to provide that where a member of such a society fails to designate a beneficiary or if at the death of the member the beneficiary designated is dead or has no insurable interest in the life of the member, the death benefits shall not be forfeited, but shall be paid to the persons named in said section in the order therein named, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 241, "An Act to change and prescribe the time for holding district court in the Thirty-first Judicial District of this State; to conform all writs and process from such courts to such changes; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

Senate bill No. 294, to the Committee on School Districts.

Senate bill No. 295, to the Committee on School Districts.

On motion of Mr. Quaid, the House, by unanimous consent, agreed to stand at ease until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

(Continued.)

(Thursday, February 22, 1923.)

The House reconvened at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

SENATE BILL NO. 301 ON SECOND READING.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being Senate bill No. 301, relating to the Workmen's Compensation Law, on its passage to third reading.

Senate bill No. 301 was then passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 316 ON SECOND-READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 316, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of the unexpended balance of the American Legion memorial sanatorium appropriation, and appropriating for said sanathrane Hardin of Erath.

torium the amount received from the American Legion and Benevolent War Risk Society with authority to use said amount for the sanatorium, and to redeem any pledges or obligations to the donors of same in connection with said sanatorium, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 316 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Quaid moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that Senate bill No. 316 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-110.

Abney. Harrington. Amsler. Harris. Arnold. Henderson Baker of Milam. of Marion. Baker of Orange. Henderson Barrett. of McLennan. Bell. Houston. Bobbitt. Howeth. Bonham. Hughes. Brady. Irwin. Burmeister. Jacks. Cable. Jennings. Carpenter Jones. of Dallas. Laird. Carpenter Lamb. of Matagorda. Lane. Carson. LeStourgeon. Carter of Coke. Lewis. Chitwood. Loftin. Coffee. Looney. Covey. McBride. Cowen. McDaniel. Crawford. McKean. McNatt. Culp. Davenport. Mathes. DeBerry. Maxwell. Dielmann. Merriman. Dinkle. Merritt. Dodd. Miller. Downs. Montgomery. Driggers. Moore. Duffey. Morgan Dunlap. of Liberty. Pate. Dunn. Durham, Patman. Edwards. Perdue. Faubion. Pinkston. Finlay. Pool. Fugler. Pope. Gipson. Potter. Greer. Purl. Quaid.